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GOOD ROADS.

The survey for a new road from Gloucester to Cherryfield station was completed last week, and we are informed that the money has been raised to build the road. The survey has a maximum grade of 6 per cent., and when completed will be the best mountain road in the county, and will be the most important factor in building a town at Cherryfield.

The survey starts at the Gallo way ford, nearly a mile above the bridge over the North Fork, and will bring all the travel which has heretofore been on both branches of the Allen hill outlet from Gloucester, and will do away with the Allen hill road entirely, except so far as it is kept up by individuals. The new survey is 3 1/2 miles from starting point to Double Spring Gap, and 3 miles and 40 feet from Double Spring to Cherryfield station, and the steepest grade on it is 6 per cent.

The survey was made by H. C. Bailey, and he has been painstaking and careful, avoiding rock cliffs and other costly construction, and he assures us that at no point on the road will blasting be required unless rock is uncovered by grading. This offers a better road out of Gloucester than we had ever thought possible, and if it is not built the people of that section will have only themselves to blame.

Good roads are civilizers, and Gloucester will reap untold benefits from this connecting link with the business world. It doesn't matter who the prime movers in this enterprise are, they have begun right—by employing a surveyor and locating the road where the grade carried it. There is no guess work, and every day's work put on it is there to stay—no amendments of grade will ever be required. When our mountain people learn to quit guessing and start with a surveyor's compass there will be an end to the amending of mountain roads.

But the best survey helps nobody unless the road is built and kept in repair. Money to build with must be found in the sections benefited, as the county can only receive and keep up the road after its construction. We are informed that the money to build the Gloucester road—something like \$900—has been raised by private subscription, and that

work will be begun at an early date. The people from Cherryfield to Gloucester are in earnest and mean business, and have gone to work the right way to succeed. They are not selling bonds, nor waiting for some wealthy syndicate, but have gone down into their own pockets in the interest of the public. Where such determination exists there is no such thing as failure.

We shall be glad to see other sections following the example, as good roads will add to the value of every acre of land in the territory reached by them.

According to a Winstboro physician pellagra is caused by eating "nog meat, fats and their extracts that become rancid before or after being taken in the stomach"—another blow in a vita spot to editors and niggers. With both cornbread and bacon tabooed, there's nothing left for us poor devils to do but to starve and proceed to climb the golden stairs or else go where we'll at least escape the heavy tax the new tariff law places on brimstone.—Lancaster, S. C., News.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Whereas, our own State of North Carolina has a Sunday School Association affiliated with the International Sunday School Association, and

Whereas, 43 counties in this state have such associations and their Sunday Schools are profiting by conventions and institutes, developing christian fellowship and larger growth and better methods in Bible instruction and soul winning.

Now, therefore, we, the undersigned citizens of Transylvania county and Sunday School Workers, confident that our schools need improving, confident that new schools are needed, confident that new workers will be discovered and present workers better fitted for their duties, do hereby call a convention of officers, teachers and older pupils of all Sunday schools in this county to meet in the Baptist church in Brevard, on Saturday, the 13th day of November, 1909, to hear papers on important topics, to confer together touching our several problems and, if it is deemed best, to organize a county Sunday School Association for continuing the work.

And we suggest that each school send three delegates to this first convention.

Signed by many citizens.
T. H. GALLOWAY }
MRS. MARIE OWEN } Com.
MRS. FRANCES E. CHAPMAN }

BOX SUPPER.

There will be a box supper at the Beauty Hill school house, near Lake Toxaway, given by the ladies of the school district, on Saturday night, October 23, for the purpose of raising money to secure a library for the school.

Because of the interest manifested here in school work, we expect a very pleasant time.

All are cordially invited to be with us, and we will assure you that any assistance you might afford us will be greatly appreciated.

WOMEN HAVE DUEL.

Fight to Death in Fashionable Chicago Apartments.

Chicago.—Mrs. Julian Tripp is dead and Mrs. Jacob Silvers, of New York, was fatally wounded as the result of a pistol and knife battle between the two women in Mrs. Tripp's apartments in a fashionable residence district of this city. Mrs. Silvers is a sister-in-law of Mrs. Tripp. It is said her husband left her about three months ago because of her curious actions. Mrs. Tripp is the wife of a superintendent of a manufacturing firm of this city.

There is considerable mystery surrounding the tragedy, though it is thought domestic quarrels led to the unfortunate affair.

The police are inclined to believe that there was a third party in the tragedy, and are working on that theory.

BANKERS' MEETING CLOSES.

Los Angeles Named as Next Convention City.

Chicago.—With the election of officers the convention of the American Bankers' association came to a close at the Auditorium and the 5,000 delegates who have been in Chicago for the past four days returned to their home cities. The list of officers prepared by the nominating committee was as follows:

President—Louis E. Pierson, New York.

Vice-President—F. O. Watts, of Nashville, Tenn.

Secretary—Fred E. Farnsworth (re-elected).

Chairman of the Executive Committee—William Livingston.

There is to be a vice-president from every state, to be selected by the executive committee.

Los Angeles is the next meeting place of the bankers.

BISHOP McCLOSKEY DIES.

Had Been Head of Kentucky Diocese For Forty-One Years.

Louisville, Ky.—The Right Rev. William George McCloskey, bishop of the Catholic diocese of Kentucky, and the oldest Catholic bishop in the United States, both in age and in point of continuous service, died of the ailments incident to old age.

The bishop was in his eighty-fifth year. He has been the head of the Kentucky diocese for forty-one years and was honored and loved by Catholics and Protestants alike. For some time the bishop has been in feeble health and performed his duties with some difficulty.

BOY CARRIED ALOFT.

German Lad Entangled in Rigging of the Wright Airship.

Frankfort.—During an ascension at this place of the Parseval dirigible balloon, in which Miss Katherine Wright, sister of Orville Wright, was a passenger, a boy became entangled in the loose rigging and was carried aloft, swinging head-downward by the legs. The ship had an altitude of 600 feet before the pilot could check its course and bring it back to the ground. When the boy was released he was insensible.

Treat Quits Treasury Portfolio.

Washington.—United States Treasurer Charles H. Treat has sent his resignation to President Taft to take effect early in October. Mr. Treat has been treasurer since July 1, 1905, being promoted at that time from the office of the collector of internal revenue at New York. He resigns on account of personal business. Logan C. Murray, president of the American National bank, of Louisville, Ky., has been mentioned here as the probable successor to Mr. Treat.

Girl Hotel Guest a Heroine.

Chicago.—Fire which broke out in the basement of the building occupied by the Grant hotel, 128 Dearborn street, routed 50 guests and caused considerable excitement. The flames were confined for the most part to the basement. Miss Genevieve DeForrest, a guest of the hotel, was the heroine of the fire. She hurried through the hallways, notifying the guests that the fire was in the basement and that they had plenty of time to dress and leave.

Scott Heads State Militia.

Atlanta.—Andrew J. Scott has been re-appointed adjutant general, and William G. Obear, quartermaster general of the national guard of Georgia.

Twins, Aged 91, in Foot Race.

Kittanning, Pa.—Nevin Kerr, aged 91, has demonstrated his remarkable vigor by beating his twin brother, William, in a foot race. Both are veterans of the Civil war.

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