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BREVARD TO KNOXVILLE

Monster Railroad Meeting in the Interest of a Through Trunk Line from South Carolina to Tennessee.

Delegations from Greenville, Hendersonville, Canton, Brevard and other Cities Interested, Gathered in Knoxville Last Friday to Hold Out Inducements for the Road to Come their Way.

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION BY KNOXVILLE BOARD OF TRADE AND OTHER AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS—BRILLIANT SPEECHES. A TRIP OVER THE K. S. & E. TO SEVIERVILLE, LUNCH IN THE CITY ON LITTLE PIGEON, A BANQUET IN KNOXVILLE AND ENTHUSIASM EVERYWHERE WERE FEATURES OF THE MEETING.

Last Thursday morning a delegation of 31 of Brevard's enterprising business men boarded the train here for a visit to Knoxville. Invitations had been received by the Brevard Board of Trade and the News to come and help Knoxville make Friday, May 5, a Railroad Day to be long remembered. The particular railroad interest which the meeting was expected to foster, was the extension and consolidation of various roads now under construction or projected, to form a great trunk line from Greenville, S. C., to Knoxville, Tenn.

As this is the road that Brevard has always wanted, and for which our county has three times voted bonds, it is only natural that Brevard should send a big delegation to see that our interests were properly cared for. The Knoxville Journal and Tribune of Friday morning contained the following:

9 a. m.—Concert at Atkin Hotel, with reception for visitors.
9:15 a. m.—Escorted by band, party marches to Imperial Hotel corner and boards cars for K. S. & E. depot.
10 a. m.—Special train leaves for Sevierville.
3:15 p. m.—Party returns from Sevierville aboard special train and takes automobiles at depot to drive to exposition grounds, then to Country Club for brief reception, followed by drive over city.
6:30 p. m.—Reception at Cumberland Club.
7:30 p. m.—Band concert in front of Hotel Imperial, with stereopticon views of scenes along route of proposed railroad cast on canvas hung over Gay street.
8:30 p. m.—Banquet at Hotel Imperial.

—Knoxville Journal and Tribune, Friday

This should be a red letter day in the history of Knoxville, for more than one hundred strong "boosters" from North Carolina and Georgia will gather here to assist local members of the "Whoop-Em-Up-For-Knoxville-And-Appalachian-Region" club celebrate Knoxville-to-Greenville railroad day, and incidentally the visitors will be given a great many pointers about the great Appalachian Exposition.

In the interest of the connection and proposed extension of the Greenville and Knoxville railroad with a similar extension of the Knoxville, Sevierville & Eastern line, delegations are coming from Greenville, S. C., Atlanta, Brevard, Hendersonville, Canton, Asheville, Spartanburg and other cities in the Carolinas, to say nothing of the representative business men of East Tennessee towns who will mingle with the other "boosters."

The purpose of the gathering of the clans in Knoxville and their subsequent visit to Sevierville, the other terminus of the K. S. & E., is to "get together" and arouse greater interest in and enthusiasm for the project, which when consummated, will not only bring into closer relationship Knoxville and Greenville and the intermediate points, but may furnish another trunk line through the cities touched by it, since it is expected that connection westward may be had later on.

A similar meeting was held at Greenville a few weeks ago, at which the board of trade of that city voted to raise \$200,000 for the extension of the road and the movement to unite the cities was given great impetus. Results as far-reaching or even more so, are expected from the meetings today. The visitors will be kept "on the jump" from a rather early hour this morning until late tonight.

About sixty of the visitors reached the city Thursday night and the remainder will come in on the early trains this morning. It is confidently expected that at least one hundred delegates from the neighboring states will be here dur-

ing the day, and that this number will be augmented by some two score or more publishers of newspapers in East Tennessee, who are boosters for the proposed new road and the Appalachian Exposition, which will open September 1st and close October 1st.

After breakfast this morning, the visitors will be treated to a band concert at the Atkin hotel, following which they will be taken for an automobile ride through some of the business and residential districts of the city before going to the K. S. & E. depot on West Main avenue, from which a special train will leave for Sevierville at ten o'clock. The members of the visiting delegations and a large number of Knoxville's most prominent and progressive business men will make the journey to the metropolis of Sevier county on the special train, made up of six coaches.

Sevierville will be reached at about 11:30 o'clock, and the passengers of the special will be met by the mayor and representatives of the Sevierville board of trade, which will tender the guests a banquet at twelve o'clock. Following an hour or two around the banquet table, and of course a number of "booster" speeches will be sandwiched in between the other courses, the visitors will get on board their train, which will leave for Knoxville at two o'clock this afternoon, arriving here at 3:30 o'clock.

VISIT TO EXPOSITION.

Upon their return here the members of the visiting party will be taken in automobiles to the Appalachian exposition grounds at Chilhowie park, and later for a more extended trip through the city and out to the country club, after which they will be brought back to the Cumberland club for an informal reception. At 7 o'clock a concert will be given in front of the Hotel Imperial by Crouch's band, and stereopticon views of scenes along the route of the proposed new railroad will be shown on Gay street.

Then, as a fitting climax to the

day of enthusiasm, "boost" and "get-togetherism" will come the big banquet in the banquet hall of the Hotel Imperial. The banqueters will sit down at 8:30 o'clock, but it is hard to tell just when they will rise again, for the feast of eatables will be followed by the big talkfest of the day. Addresses of welcome will be delivered by Chancellor Will D. Wright and Col. L. D. Tyson, president of the Appalachian Exposition, and a number of other speeches will also be made. Among the speakers will be W. H. Patterson, president of the Greenville & Knoxville railroad, and W. J. Oliver, president of the K. S. & E., and General Julian S. Carr. The final session of the "boosters" will be in progress until the departure of the early trains Saturday morning.

Thirty-one strong, and traveling in a special Pullman, the Brevard delegation reached the city at 7:30 o'clock last night. They were met at the station by James A. Hensley, secretary of the Knoxville board of trade, and other members of the local reception committee. At the head of this delegation was W. E. Breese Jr., mayor, and included in it were leading business men of the city.

"GLAD HAND" EXTENDED.

After the "glad hand" had been extended the visitors, silken guest badges were pinned upon the members of the delegation. These badges show that Friday, May 5, is "Knoxville-Greenville railroad day." Beneath is the "A. E." emblem, and the date and place of the Appalachian exposition. Similar badges will be given all of the visitors, while the members of the Knoxville reception committee will also be properly labeled by silken badges. Last night the Brevard delegation were tendered a party at the Bijou theatre.

Delegates from Canton and other North Carolina towns arrived on this same train, while the Greenville delegation and others came in on the "Carolina Special" at 11:30 o'clock. Twenty citizens of Greenville made the trip.

All of the visitors were met at the station by members of the local reception committee, as members of which more than one hundred representative business men were appointed. These same committees will be on the job again today and will leave nothing undone in their efforts to give the visitors a real Knoxville welcome.

In reporting the banquet Friday night the Knoxville Sentinel of Saturday gave Brevard the post of honor. It placed the remarks of Mayor W. E. Breese, jr., in front of the regular speakers and quoted what he said as follows:

Mayor Breese, of Brevard, stated that each citizen of Brevard, including every man, woman and child, had subscribed \$14.21 toward building the railroad. He said that Transylvania county would give a free right of way, and more than that, the farmers had promised labor and teams to assist in the work to be paid for in stock, so anxious were they for the road to be constructed. He said that their people had utmost confidence in the ability of William J. Oliver and believed that he would come to their assistance by constructing the road. He said that within a stone's throw of the proposed line of the Greenville & Knoxville railroad were rich veins of lime, manganese and iron ore, and that should the line go through this section it will be one of the richest in the country. "We also have the promise of a large pulp mill in event that the proposed line is constructed."

The talks were very interesting and pertained to conditions that exist in the Carolinas and the Appalachian region, and plainly showed the dire need of the proposed Greenville & Knoxville railroad.

The Journal and Tribune reported the speech of T. H. Galloway of Brevard at Sevierville as follows:

"T. H. Galloway, of Brevard, expressed appreciation for the courtesies extended and the enthusiasm manifested. He said that great things might be expected from this road, for it was surely going to be built, and the development afterward would be unprecedented.

"Mr. Galloway said that Transylvania county, in which Brevard is located, had always worked for railroads and had also been working and waiting for a quarter of a century to get over the mountains to Greenville and also over the mountains westward, and that now it looked as though both of these things were to be accomplished by the completion of the Knoxville to Greenville road. Following the completion of the short railroad between Hendersonville and Brevard. Mr. Galloway said that the value of the taxable property in the county had increased in a few years from \$600,000 to \$3,000,000, and that similar progress was expected to follow the completion of this road."

W. H. Patterson, of Atlanta, president of the Greenville & Knoxville railroad, was heard briefly. He said that the Greenville people had done all for him that he had asked, and that the Knoxville people would do all that they could for Mr. Oliver. He said that with his determination and Mr. Oliver's knowledge of railroad building, the Knoxville to Greenville project cannot fail, but that it is up to the Knoxville people to lend Mr. Oliver their local support.

WHAT WM. J. OLIVER SAID.

"Within the next eighteen months I am going to extend the Knoxville, Sevierville & Eastern Railway eastward in the direction of Greenville, S. C., to Waterville, thirty-five miles beyond Sevierville and sixty-five miles beyond Knoxville. I have here with me today and in this room a man who represents one of the largest banking houses in New York, and I have the money in the bank to carry out the work," said William J. Oliver, the Knoxville railroad wizard, at the conclusion of an enthusiastic mass meeting in Sevier county court house at Sevierville.

At the banquet Friday night Mr. Oliver said that he had had wide experience in all parts of the country in railroad building, and that he knew of no line that would be as productive as the Greenville & Knoxville railroad. He said that he was in possession of a letter written by an official of a certain railroad to a subordinate saying that the proposed Greenville & Knoxville road was one of the most dangerous lines that could be constructed, speaking from a competitor's standpoint. He said that the proposed line was one that was first thought of by the late Samuel H. Spencer, president of the Southern Railway Company. He said that today he was in a position to build the road, and that, within sixty days he thought that he would have sufficient money to take the road to Canton, if not, at least to Waterville.

—Knoxville Sentinel, Saturday evening.

In appreciation of the courtesies extended them while in this city attending the railroad rally yesterday and last night, the members of the delegation from Brevard, N. C., today wired President Chapman, of the Board of Trade, a most felicitous telegram. They also extended a cordial invitation to the citizens of Knoxville to visit Brevard. The telegram reads:

"Morristown Tenn., May 6.
"Mr. D. C. Chapman, President Board of Trade, Knoxville, Tenn.
"At a meeting held on board the Brevard special Pullman 'Drury' enroute from Knoxville to Brevard, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, the citizens of Knoxville through their representatives did extend the delegation from Brevard a most hearty welcome to their city, and

"Whereas, the stay of the Brevard party was made most pleasant

and instructive by reason of the efforts of the good people of Knoxville.

"Therefore, we the special representatives of Brevard and Transylvania county to the great railroad rally, do hereby extend our hearty thanks for the reception and entertainment given us while in Knoxville. We cordially give to each and every citizen of Knoxville an invitation to visit us at their earliest opportunity, when we will be pleased to show them the beauties of Brevard and convince them of the benefits that will arise from the construction of a railroad to Brevard, the land of waterfalls, Greenville and the sea.

(Signed.)

"W. E. BREESE JR., Mayor,
"C. M. DOYLE,
"President Board of Trade.

The following unique menu card told the guests of the banquet Friday night at the Hotel Imperial what they might call for during the surfeit of good things. As in many of the functions of Railroad Day in Knoxville, it will be noted that Brevard is at the top. Many of our delegation have copies of the printed cards which they are keeping as souvenirs:

Appalachian Cocktail
Brevard Sweet Pickles
Turtle a la Greenville
Sevierville Nuts
Baked Pigeon River Snapper
Lemon Sauce
Julian Potatoes Cucumbers
Roast Turkey Canton Sauce
New Potatoes in Cream
Creamed Sweetbreads on Toast, a la Asheville
Newport Green Peas
Waynesville Lettuce with Tomato Mayonnaise
Mountain Ice Cream and Hendersonville Strawberries
Waynesville Cakes
Riverview Cheese Waterville Crackers
Happy Valley Coffee
Cigars
Toastmaster—D. C. Chapman, president Knoxville Board of Trade.

OTHER MEETINGS PROJECTED

—Greenville News, Monday.

That two other meetings shall be held in the interest of the Greenville-Knoxville railway, one meeting to be held at Brevard and the other at Canton, is the slogan of the business men of towns lying on the proposed route of the railway. At the banquet tendered the visitors to Knoxville's "railroad day" Friday night an invitation was extended those present to gather in Brevard in the near future for a similar meeting. At the same time the Canton, N. C. delegation gave notice that a meeting in the interest of the railway would, in all probability, be held in Canton in the near future.

On the same night it was suggested that delegations from Knoxville, Sevierville, Canton, Brevard, Hendersonville, Greenville and other towns and cities along the proposed route of the road arrange for a gathering in Charleston, the terminus of the new road. These three meetings will, in all probability, be worked out within the next few weeks.

—Knoxville Sentinel, Monday.

The regular meeting of the Knoxville Board of Trade will be held Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the assembly room, corner of Gay street and Vine avenue, when D. C. Chapman, president will be in the chair. At this meeting the proposed Knoxville & Greenville railroad will be discussed, also the feasibility of a booster trip to Brevard.

County Government.

Representative—Thos. S. Wood.
Clerk Superior Court—Cos. Paxton.
Sheriff and Tax Collector—Fred A. Shuford.
Treasurer—Z. W. Nichols.
Register of Deeds—B. A. Gillespie.
Coroner—Dr. A. E. Lyday.
Surveyor—J. C. Wike.
Commissioners—W. L. Brooks, G. T. Lyday, Arthur Miller.
Superintendent of Schools—T. C. Henderson.
Physician—Dr. Goode Cheatham.
Attorney—Robert L. Gash.

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