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## TRANSPORTATION IS PRICE REGULATOR

### PREIDENT FINLEY MAKES AN ADDRESS

#### Value of Any Commodity Depends on Transportation Facilities. Good Roads.

President Finley, of the Southern Railway company, who was one of the principal speakers at the annual convention of the Alabama Good Roads Association October 8th, spoke on "The Interest of the Farmers in Highway Improvement," treating his subject in a broad way as covering the entire transportation system of the United States and embracing waterways and railroads as well as the country highways. He said in part:

"The value of any commodity is dependent, in large measure, upon the facility with which it may be devoted to human uses. A bale of cotton would be absolutely without value to a farmer if grown in a field from which it would be a practical impossibility to remove it. It has value because of the fact that means are available for carrying it to a cotton mill and for carrying the products of the cotton mill to their final consumers. I know of no commodity that better serves to illustrate the importance of transportation than cotton. It is in demand wherever clothes are worn and by far the greater part of the world's supply is produced in our southeastern states. The price of cotton on the farm is fixed by the relation of the total supply to the world demand and the effectiveness of the demand is dependent upon ability to carry the raw cotton and to carry the cotton mill products into every inhabited locality in the world. An Alabama cotton grower is, therefore, interested in transportation, not only in his own county and in his own state, but throughout the United States, across the ocean, and in all countries. On the other hand, every family in Alabama uses to some extent commodities gathered from distant localities in the United States and from foreign countries. Thus we are all interested in the efficiency of world-wide transportation.

"More directly we are interested in the transportation system of the United States, which embraces three kinds of highways—the waterway, the railway, and the wagon road, each having an important function to perform and each supplementing the others. With respect to each of these highways every citizen in a land of popular government has an individual responsibility."

Mr. Finley pointed out that, as the country highway is the road over which commodities from other localities must be distributed through an agricultural region and over which all farm products must be moved in the first stage of transportation to market, if any agricultural region is to attain the highest degree of prosperity it is essential that it shall be provided with a system of improved wagon roads. He cited illustrations of the advantages of road improvement in specific southern localities and quoted from a farmers' bulletin issued by the United States agricultural department an estimate that such improvement of the wagon roads in the cotton belt as would reduce the cost of hauling five per cent would mean a saving of nearly \$2,000,000 a year to the cotton grower.

After telling of the progress already made in Alabama, Mr. Finley emphasized the importance of each county adopting a definite plan for road improvement so as to benefit the largest number of road users, pointing out that this would involve the improvement primarily

of the roads radiating from a market town or shipping station. He strongly advised the importance of expert supervision in the building of highly improved roads and in the improvement and maintenance of the outlying roads that could not be rebuilt at once and expressed the opinion that it would be profitable for each county to put all of its road work under the direction of a competent highway engineer. He suggested that it would generally be desirable to provide funds for road improvement by issuing bonds and limiting current road taxes to the amount necessary to provide for maintenance, for interest charges and for a proper sinking fund. Continuing he said:

"While carrying forward the work of improving the country highways and supporting projects for the improvement of the waterways we should not overlook the third element in our transportation system—the railways. Even though our waterways and wagon roads should be improved to the highest state of efficiency, we would fall far short of having an adequate transportation system without the railways. Our responsibility with respect to rail transportation is, therefore, to advocate and support such federal and state policies as, while providing for regulation within its proper field, will assure to our railways an opportunity to share in the progress of the country and so to strengthen their resources that they may be enabled to provide adequate facilities and properly to perform their duties as common carriers."

### MR. GUDGER SPEAKS

Congressman James M. Gudger, who is a candidate for re-election on the democratic ticket, spoke at the court house last Friday night to a good sized audience. The speaker was introduced by County Chairman W. M. Henry, who made some appropriate remarks, saying Mr. Gudger had never known defeat, and pointing to the fact that he had redeemed the district several times, and that his record in congress was all that could be desired.

Mr. Gudger's speech was well received and at times the applause was very great. The speaker surpassed himself. He paid his respects to the republicans and bull moosers, saying, "I have not said anything bitter about these parties. We should never say anything bitter about the dead."

He predicted an overwhelming victory for the democratic party in nation, state, district and county. He showed the weakness of some of the republican claims, and spent some time discussing the tariff.

The congressman spent considerable time in a discussion of his opponent, Mr. R. H. Staton of Hendersonville. "One time they (the republicans) put up Judge Ewart against me," said the speaker, "and I licked the socks off of him. Two years ago they put John Grant up against me, and he went about boasting that he could eat corn bread and plow a steer. I have driven four steers at once, and two years ago I hitched Mr. Grant in for the fifth and drove him all over this district." Mr. Gudger then proved that I am a bigger corn bread eater than Mr. Grant."

Mr. Gudger renewed his offer of five dollars for any man who would get a statement from Mr. Staton as to his choice for president, saying that in one part of the district he was passing for a Taft man and in another as a Roosevelt man. He also offered five dollars to anyone who would get Mr. Staton to attend the speaking in Hendersonville when he spoke there the following day.

Owing to a misunderstanding as to the time for the speaking a number of people came in late. Mr. Gudger left Saturday morning for Hendersonville where he was scheduled to speak Saturday.

## NOMINATIONS COME THICK AND FAST

### MANY YOUNG LADIES ARE NAMED

#### Some One Will Surely Get \$10 on Nov. 4th for Just a Little Effort.

The candidates and others interested in the News voting contest will soon have the opportunity of seeing the piano which is to be given the lady having the largest number of votes. The company of whom we are securing the piano write us that it will be shipped at once. When it arrives the fact will be announced so that you may come and look it over.

To own a magnificent \$400 upright piano will be the privilege of some lady in this section through the News contest. To secure some of the other big prizes offered will be the privilege of other young ladies in the contest and work is required to win, that's all.

The keys to the ballot box, which is now installed in this office, are in the hands of Mr. Chas. E. Orr, the postmaster, who will have charge of locking and unlocking the ballot box at the time of the count. The judges are honest men of good standing in this community, and will have charge of the awarding of the prizes.

The contest is gradually gaining force as it moves along, and quite a large number of vote coupons have been given to subscribers of this paper, and the merchants also have given out a large number of votes. Now is the time for every young lady who expects to win a prize to get busy. A large number of these coupons are in the hands of people who will give them to the first one who asks for them. Possibly some friend of yours has some.

Many people are willing to help their friends in this contest and are only waiting to be asked. The first candidate to ask, of course, will be the one to get the assistance of friends. Those who desire to enlarge their count should get out among their friends and make their wants known.

The prizes that are offered are surely worth the small effort required. Let each contestant show the people that she has determined to succeed in anything she undertakes and that she is out to win.

The list of prizes and rules and regulations will be found on another page of this issue. Look over the list and go to work collecting the vote coupons. Your friends will gladly save these for you.

The first count in this contest will be made on November 4th, at which time \$10 in gold will be given to the contestant having the largest number of votes at that time. This does not interfere with the final result.

Those who do not fully understand the rules and regulations of this contest may call or write this office and we will be pleased to go over the proposition with them.

Remember to have your friends trade with merchants who are giving coupons.

Get busy and vote for your choice. The contest will be conducted squarely and no partiality will be shown to any one. Do it now and help some one to reap the benefits of this liberal offer.

Watch every issue of the news for important announcements. Clip the twenty-five vote coupon in every issue of the News. These coupons will not be run again after next week's issue.

The following names have been requested to act as awarding committee and count the ballots, and if no objections are offered by any of the contestants they will constitute the committee:

Postmaster Chas. E. Orr,

Mayor W. M. Henry, Mr. David G. Ward.

The nominations so far made are as follows:

**Brevard.**  
Margaret W. Breese Daisy Holcom  
Agnes Kilpatrick Daisy Orr  
Mrs. W. H. Grogan, Jr. Grace Whitmire  
Flora Duckworth Grace Calhoun  
Mrs. Charles Jollay Olivia Hancock  
Dora Nicholson Frankie Kilpatrick  
Mariah Inez Loftis Hattie Aiken  
Allie Belle Cloud Ava Ashworth

**Brevard Routes 1 and 2.**  
Bessie Hayes Irene Ashworth  
Annie Allison Maud Case  
Bertha McCall Sallie Osborne  
Geneva Orr Nancy Clark  
Flora Tinsley Florence Duckworth  
Lelia Surratt Bessie Lyda  
Annie Davenport Jim Neil  
Julia Deaver Maggie Deaver  
Cora England Cleo Morris  
Ethel Boggs

**Horse Shoe.**  
Dovie Shipman Alice Banks  
Emma Reece Lou Byrd

**Etowah.**  
Effie Shipman, R. 1 Annie Blythe  
Annie Lance Bessie Orr  
Nannie Lou Moffitt Annie Duncan  
Minnie Sittou Neta Allen

**Selica.**  
Pearl Alexander Emma Osteen  
May Bryson Esther Grey

**Rosman.**  
Clessie Whitmire Annie Patton  
Georgia Burrell Lenora Lanning  
Mamie Justus Beulah Whitmire  
Gertrude Wilson

**Penrose.**  
Maud Shuford Ina Talley  
Lena Harwood

**Blantyre.**  
Beulah Shipman Emma Justus  
Dovie Banning

**Cedar Mountain.**  
Bertha Hudson

**Cherryfield.**  
Bertha Batson Ida McCall

**Pisgah Forest.**  
Mrs. Thomas Wilson Bessie Patton  
Mary Maxwell Anna Gash  
Addie Wilson Pearl Baynard  
Jeva Pickelsimer Lula McCall

**Balsam Grove.**  
Vera House

**Lake Toxaway.**  
Leila Brooks Mrs. J. C. Wike

**Calvert.**  
Mrs. C. R. Sharp Ollie Perry  
Mrs. Wade Garren Anna Jordan

### POLITICAL POT BOILS

The following correspondence between Mr. W. M. Henry and Mr. O. W. Clayton, in regard to the coming election is self explanatory:

Brevard N. C., Oct. 14, 1912.  
O. W. Clayton, Esq., Brevard, N. C.  
Dear Sir: Your favor of no date

was received by me on last Thursday afternoon while the Sylvan Valley News was being printed.

Before going into any discussion of the contents of your said letter I will say that I heartily agree with you and with Mr. Breese in wanting a clean election, and I will use all my personal and official influence, as I have always done, to protect the purity of the ballot in this county.

There are two questions, however, which I am going to ask you, and which you will please answer before I consider entering any agreement with you along the lines you suggest.

First: As I am the duly elected chairman of the democratic county executive committee, and as you address me as such, and being therefore the official representative and spokesman for the democratic executive committee in this county, I feel that I should be made acquainted with your official political position. If you will therefore write me if you are a republican or a progressive, and if you are going to support Mr. Taft for president, or if you are going to support Mr. Roosevelt; or, in other words, if you will class yourself by the rules as laid down by the national and state republican executive committees as to your present political affiliation, then, and not until then, can I make an official reply to your esteemed communication above mentioned.

I will state that I am going to vote for Woodrow Wilson for president and the entire democratic ticket down to constable, and would like you to state for whom you are going to vote for president and governor of the state.

Second: I will also ask you why you waited to mail your letter to me until Thursday afternoon when you had given a copy of said letter to the Sylvan Valley News for printing several days prior thereto? Please answer this letter immediately, as I desire to publish the same and your reply, or to publish this letter and your failure to reply, in this week's Sylvan Valley News.

With the kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours respectfully,  
W. M. HENRY,  
Chm. Dem. Co. Ex. Com.

Brevard, N. C., Oct. 15, 1912.  
Mr. W. M. Henry, Chm. Dem. Co. Ex. Com., Brevard, N. C.

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your favor of the 14th inst. and have read with interest the remarkable and rather ingenious attitude you assume in attempting to settle the moral issue to which I invited the agreement and co-operation of you and your associates in our approaching election.

Why do you wish to predicate your agreement with me and my associates abolishing the use of money and whiskey in the election in our county upon my declaration to vote either for Mr. Taft or Mr. Roosevelt? Does your decision upon a purely moral local issue hinge upon my declaration for any presidential candidate? I cannot

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## 25 Vote Coupon

Send this Coupon to the News office within fifteen days from date and it will count for Twenty-Five Votes. No money is required with this Coupon.

Vote For.....  
October 18, 1912.

## Nominating Blank

Popular Voting Contest

.....1912

I hereby nominate or suggest the name of

Address.....  
as a lady worthy to become a candidate in your Popular Voting Contest. I present this name with the distinct understanding and agreement that the editor shall not divulge my name. This does not obligate me in any way whatever.

Signed.....  
Address.....