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## DID NOT CIRCULATE LETTER

A circular letter was issued and put in circulation by the Kitchin campaign committee containing an editorial from Bryan's Commoner, and also a letter from Mr. Crawford, endorsing Governor Kitchin for the senate. The letter is in such form as to convince the unsuspecting that it was issued and circulated by Mr. Crawford in the interest of the governor, when in fact he had nothing whatever to do with it, as will appear from the following statement taken from the Asheville Citizen of the 3rd inst.:

"Ex-Congressman W. T. Crawford arrived in Asheville last night from a speaking tour through Henderson, Polk and Transylvania counties, under the auspices of the congressional committee. Mr. Crawford speaks hopefully of the outlook for democracy in the district, state and nation, and says he feels confident of sweeping democratic victories next Tuesday.

"Upon being informed by some friends that they had received from him typewritten circulars, with tickets enclosed for one of the senatorial candidates, the ex-congressman said that he had nothing whatever to do with the circulation of the letter or tickets; that he had written the letter in question to the Reidsville Review soon after Governor Aycock's death. In reply to an inquiry as to his position in the senatorial contest, Mr. Crawford made it plain that he had been giving his time strictly to the general interests of the democratic party and had not mixed up in the senatorial contest by distributing tickets, campaign literature or otherwise; that he does not believe in a speech-making campaign for a nomination during an election, or at any other time; that the policy is a dangerous one and if not abandoned it is only a question of time till the party will be disrupted."

## THREE CONVICTS ESCAPE

Three of the county's convicts, all negroes, succeeded in escaping from jail some time Sunday night. The three who escaped were Bob Hutchinson, Elliott Simmons and John Blythe. Hutchinson was serving a four year sentence for forgery, Simmons was serving twenty months for perjury, and Blythe was in jail awaiting the next term of court.

The three men in some way burned a hole up through the top of their cell and cut out through the tin roof of the jail, and escaped by tying their chains and bed clothing together and making a rope and in this way reached the ground. Another negro who was in the same cell refused, or was afraid to make such a perilous descent to the ground and consequently remained in the jail.

It will be recalled that Bob Hutchinson escaped from the jail once before by burning the wooden door of his cell—burning the door completely in two with a wire nail.

A reward of ten dollars is offered for each of the escaped men, and although the officers have made diligent search for them no trace has been found.

The escape of these men leaves the ranks of the convict force rather depleted, and for the sake of the roads it is to be hoped that they will be speedily recaptured and returned to the work.

Only a woman can understand the prostrating effect of disorders in the female organism; the misery of it and its depressing influence on the mind. Many women who formerly suffered from these disorders owe their present health to DR. SIMMONS' SQUAW VINE COMPOUND. It exercises a powerful restorative influence on the female generative system, builds up a strong body, restores healthy regularity and promotes cheerfulness and a clear, rosy complexion. Price \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by S. M. Macfie.

## ROAD FROM BREVARD TO LAKE IS NEEDED

### EVEN NEEDED WORSE THAN A NEW ROAD LAW

#### Present Method of Working the Roads is Not Very Popular in Some Sections.

Editor Sylvan Valley News:

In passing from my home to Brevard a day or so ago, I noticed from the car window the wonderful improvement the county convicts are making to the public road along the top of Rocky Hill, and I want to give my endorsement to the act of the county commissioners in establishing a county chaingang for our county. And while I am doing this, I want to offer a few suggestions in regard to our roads in general, and what I believe would be the best policy for the county to pursue.

Western North Carolina is going to be the play-ground of America, and Lake Toxaway is going to be the center of attraction for this whole territory.

Now, what I want to know is whether it is good policy for Brevard and Transylvania county to put the convict labor on the roads near Brevard where they are already in fairly good shape, and leave the road from Rosman to Lake Toxaway practically impassable. In my judgment it would be far better for the whole county to put the labor on the worst parts of the road between Brevard and Lake Toxaway (which is from Rosman toward the lake) and put them in good condition first, thus insuring a splendid summer travel between these two resorts, and then amend the rest of the road as fast as it can be done.

Some one might say that because I live in this part of the county that it is a selfish motive that causes me to look at the matter in this way. But such is not the case, for I believe Brevard would be as much benefited, or perhaps more, than would this section of the county, as many of the tourists would prefer to stay in Brevard, motoring to the lake and back to Brevard whenever they wished to go.

There is a good bridge over Cathys creek now, and Hogback township is building an amendment to the public road at Quebec that will cut out the ford of Flat creek. So, if this amendment were done and we had the road from Rosman to the lake widened and in some places a small amount of grading done, I believe the investment would be worth more to the whole county than any other like amount that might be spent on our roads in any other part of the county.

I am told that we get seven or eight hundred dollars road tax in Hogback township each year, and it is counting for naught with us, as it is used to pay for throwing mud into the gullies in our roads which is washed away by the first rain that falls. This process goes on from time to time and is robbing us of our money and giving us no roads. It would pay to have a township much better to use the money to pay the expenses of the convicts and have them work on our roads under the supervision of an experienced road builder and it would pay the county to cooperate with the township until we get a good road over the hills.

Another suggestion is to have this connection between the two townships a new road law. I am going to Raleigh, and I think I am correct, to not try to make a new law every two years, but hunt out the weak sections in the law we have and amend them. Do this for a few

years and in the by-and-by we will have the law strengthened until we can praise our law as one that might be modeled after.

There is no one, I care not how smart or how intelligent he may be, that can give us a perfect law if he tries to create something entirely new. But by getting counsel from those who have charge of the public road work in the different parts of the county, it is an easy matter to find out what sections of the law work well and what ones need amending.

I wrote our representative two years ago in regard to what I believed needed to be done to the road law to make it a good law, but he saw fit to repeal the law and to give us the one that had been repealed two years before that. So this process has been going on for a number of years, and we have no better law than we had when we changed to the tax system.

No doubt there will be a petition sent our representative when he goes down to Raleigh asking that the road law be repealed and something given in its stead. The people are honest in wanting something better than we have; they know we are paying out our money and getting nothing in return. But the wise thing for our representative to do is to amend such sections of the law as will not work well, thereby strengthening them so as to give us what we need instead of sailing out upon unknown seas every time the legislature meets.

If we cannot get a better working law than we now have, it will be very much better to vote county bonds and amend our roads at once, and then spend what we are now spending in paying the interest on the bonds. What tax we now pay—from which we derive nothing—will pay the interest on \$100,000 bonds.

I do not want it understood that I am advocating the voting of bonds. I am opposed to the method we seem to have adopted in this county with reference to bond issues. It is as much out of place for a county to issue bonds and make no provisions to pay them as it is for an individual to borrow money and make no provision to pay the principal. I know some of our best men in the county will take me to "taw" about what I am saying, for they told me when our railroad bonds were issued that our children would be better able to pay them than we would, owing to the increased value of property in the county. I acknowledge that this is true, but as the county gets richer we need more improvements, and the credit of the county is impaired by our having no provision made for canceling the old debts of the county.

If we had had a sinking fund of \$2,000 a year created when the first railroad bonds were issued, this would have cancelled the debt in thirty years, without any interest. The \$2,000 a year might have been put out on interest and the amount would have very materially lessened the amount we are having to pay on the bonds.

It would have made our taxes a little more to have done this, but at the end of thirty years our debt would have been paid, and we could afford to issue bonds for our public roads. When, as it is, we will still owe the \$60,000, and also dared to shoulder another heavy issue of bonds for our public roads, thereby hindering the progress of our county. For no one doubts that a fine road from Brevard to Lake Toxaway would do more to build up the whole county than almost everything else combined.

But I started out to write about our public roads, and got to the forks of the road and "there spread out." So I will add that I hope some plan will be devised to help us get as good a road through the county as I saw on Rocky Hill, and we will quit grumbling so much.

Yours respectfully,  
W. B. HENDERSON.  
Quebec, N. C.

## VOTE EARLY AND OFTEN IN CONTEST

### EXTRA BIG BONUS FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS

#### Help the Young Lady of Your Choice By Saving Merchants' Coupons For Her.

The News great piano voting contest is reaching normal proportions now. It has come to where you can't tell who is leading. So many have brought in subscriptions and received their votes, and some have so many that no one can even guess which one has the most. There is quite a demand for merchants' coupons, too. These are the little jokers that will probably tell the story in the end. And this is the way our readers can help. It does not cost you a cent when you buy groceries, dry goods, hardware, clothing, furniture, harness, or whatever the advertisers in the contest have to offer, and then as the contestant comes to you, you will have a pleasant little surprise for her; that will prove you a person who thinks of others, and it will make her pleased with you.

Every one of the ladies who is out for that piano wants it, and they are honestly trying in every honorable way to come in possession of it. It is simply a question of which one you like best. Of course you like them all, and Brevard and vicinity have nothing nicer than these contestants, and what is nicer for a lady, whether old or young, and her family and circle of friends, than a nice piano—and such a one for instance, as the News is going to give to the lady that the people of Brevard and vicinity like the best.

Bear in mind that the ballot box is closed for the second count at 6:00 p. m. on Tuesday, December 3. Be sure and have your votes all in by that time so that you will have a fair chance to show what your standing is.

For every seven new subscribers we will give 10,000 extra votes, making a total of 18,200.

For every seven renewal subscriptions we will give 8,000 extra votes, making a total of 11,500.

For every seven back subscriptions we will give 6,000 extra votes, making a total of 8,800.

For every 40 merchants' coupons brought to this office and counted by the publisher or his assistants, a bonus of 500 extra votes will be given, a total of 1,500 in all.

These coupons may be collected from any and all merchants who are in the contest.

Remember and have your friends trade with the merchants who are giving the coupons. They are reliable tradespeople.

The following are the enterprising merchants who give coupons: Miller Supply Co. Stone Hardware Co. O. L. Erwin's Store. Duckworth Drug Co. Weilt's Cash Store. Macfie's Drug Store. C. C. Yongue. England's Store. T. M. Mitchell.

The following young ladies have been nominated in the contest. They are authorized to accept money for subscriptions to the News and give a receipt therefor:

Miss Gertrude Wilson, Rosman	21,650
Mrs. Charles Jollay, Brevard	11,725
Miss Agnes Kilpatrick	4,250
Miss Emma Osteen	2,100
Miss Mariah Inez Loftis	2,000
Miss Daisy Holcom	1,950
Miss Florence Hawkins	1,675
Miss Helen Hamilton	1,375
Miss Lelia Brooks	1,225
Miss Maggie Deaver	1,200
Miss Nolia Bryson	1,150
Miss Margaret Breeze	1,100
Miss Grace Calhoun	1,075
Miss Ollie Perry	1,075
Miss Vera House	1,050

Mrs. C. R. Sharp	1,050
Miss Adeline Patton	1,025
Miss Dora Nicholson	1,025
Miss Rena Hatwood	1,025
Miss Florence Aiken	1,000
Miss Beulah Whitmire	1,000

Brevard.	
Margaret W. Breeze	Daisy Holcom
Agnes Kilpatrick	Daisy Orr
Florence Aiken	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	Florence Hawkins
Flora Tinsley	Bessie Lyda
Lelia Surret	Jim Neil
Annie Davenport	Maggie Deaver
Julia Deaver	Cleo Morris
Cora England	
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 Sitton	Neta Allen

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

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

Penrose.	
Maud Shuford	Ina Talley
Lena Harwood	

Blantyre.	
Beulah Shipman	Emma Justus
Dovie Banning	

Davidson River.	
Bertha Hudson	Adeline Patton

Cherryfield.	
Bertha Batson	Ida McCall

Pisgah Forest.	
Mrs. Thomas Wilson	Lula McCall
Mary Maxwell	Anna Gash
Addie Wilson	Pearlie Baynard
Jeva Pickelsimer	

Balsam Grove.	
Vera House	

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

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

Ten dollars in gold to be given to the lady who makes the largest gain in votes between the first and second counts.

## THREE NEW OFFICES

The Southern Railway Company on November 15 enlarged the work of its Land and Industrial Department in the South by opening three new offices to be located at Birmingham, Ala., and Knoxville and Chattanooga, Tenn. These new offices are established in harmony with the policy of the Southern Railway to cover just as fully as possible the development of the agricultural and manufacturing and other interests in its territory. With the opening of these new offices the land and industrial department of the Southern Railway will have offices and agents in the South at Atlanta and Macon, Ga.; Mobile and Birmingham, Ala.; Chattanooga, Knoxville and Bristol, Tenn.; Columbus, Miss., Columbia, S. C.; Asheville and Brevard, N. C.; and Danville, Va.

## BIG METAL SHINGLE BUSINESS

The Cortright Metal Roofing Company, of Philadelphia, Pa., whose advertisements of Cortright metal shingles have been running in the News for nearly a year past, advise us that 1913 will show an immense volume of business in their line. It is gratifying to carry the advertising of so prosperous and successful a concern and to feel that the News has had part in creating such success. Any of our readers interested in roofing should call upon the company's local representatives, the Miller Supply Co. —Adv.