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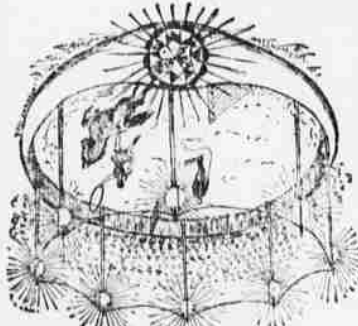
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IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS

THE LYCEUM SOCIETY'S MEETING LAST NIGHT.

Col. L. M. Hatch Leads the Discussion of the Question of the Betterment of Roads in the County and Streets in the City.

"The improvement of roads" was the subject of discussion at the regular weekly meeting of the Lyceum last night. Col. L. M. Hatch was the leading speaker.

Thinking several friends for books and newspaper clippings showing the interest of the people of every part of the county are taking in their dirt roads, Col. Hatch quickly went over the importance of good roads and almost as quickly came to the fact that in the mountains straight roads are impossible. They must curve with the valleys and ridges or up and down over the hills. A civilized community wants roads on which light vehicles can move rapidly and the heaviest loads be carried. The commercial value of a road depends on its power to save time and money in transportation. The speaker insisted that the importance of curving in ascent and for avoiding the waste of washouts.

The destructive force of rushing water as shown on many of Asheville's streets, say, for one, South Main north of the bridge, and just south of it, are striking examples of what rushing water coming from side cuts and rising from springs can do for roads left in the hands of men who do not know how to drain or why they should drain. Men may learn from books that macadam is the best road, and how to build it, but may never learn just where a bit of road must be made, and for miles the merest attention to superficial drainage and the slightest gravel covering may suffice. Not in books will they find that for covering of walks and the surface of roads in Buncombe, our quartz rock, gravel, would be better than any other material. Nor may they be told to go to Biltmore for a few drainage tiles for the desperate places.

Improvement in roads must come, as so much improvement in other things does, from above. The men who walk the dirt road from necessity are not the ones to suggest a better road. For years the suggestion has fallen on deaf ears, and will until men of education plan and do for the walkers.

The speaker asked if it would not have been better to have laid out a perfectly straight road from the depot rather than to have a fairly good street like Depot street. This would have been more satisfactory to some of the people than to have their trees taken up, fences removed and houses injured. A glance of the eye counts for anything a better grade, shorter line could have been made than town, where streets must be cut some day. When half built up other things beside the best route to the depot will come in, and so Asheville will never have a "best" route.

Col. Hatch's ideas summed up were: First, good grades. Next, direction for shortness. As all important, drainage. A wet road cannot be a good one. He would make perfect the well known bad places and improve at least cost the better parts; advising the use of quartz rock for surface dressing of roads and sidewalks which should go with every road. The cost of the roads should be paid by all interested in having them. Lastly, brains must go into all and over all that belongs to a road.

Col. Thos. B. Long made a forcible speech, showing the importance of and the necessity for good roads. Having closely studied the subject whilst journeying over six of the southern states in the discharge of his duties in the postoffice department he instanced several fine roads, the result of the influence of wise and public spirited new comers in this western mountain country. He regarded the question as of more importance to the people of Buncombe and Asheville than any of the national questions.

Maj. T. C. Westall advocated a better arrangement for the construction of roads. The burden should not be on the back of labor alone but on the shoulders of all who would be benefited by good roads.

Dr. G. H. Mayer and others made short but interesting talks on the subject.

T. R. Ransom, esq., has consented to read a paper before the Lyceum next Tuesday night, on a subject to be announced later.

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BAD BLOOD IN WILSON.

A LYNCHING SENSATION IS THREATENED THERE.

A Tobacco Barn is Burned and Then Murder is Threatened by Friends of the Man Who Was Burned Out.

Wilson, N. C., April 10.—Not long since Mr. C. A. Young, to save a lot of road fencing, had two gates built across the road about four miles from town, on each side of his large farm. This greatly incensed some people in the neighborhood of his farm, and the gates were torn down. This occurred repeatedly, and notices were posted warning him the last time, ten days ago, that if they were rebuilt some of his property would be burned and his life endangered. The gates were promptly rebuilt, and on Friday night of last week his tobacco pack-house was burned, entailing a loss of \$12,000. No one knows who did the dastardly deed, of course. It seems that some parties were suspected, for on last Sunday night about 10 o'clock a man rode up to the house of Mr. O. W. Spivey, an estimable farmer and citizen of the county, who lives two miles from the farm of Mr. Young, and handed him a folded paper.

A STRANGE NOTICE.

On opening it Mr. Spivey found it to read as follows:

"O. W. Spivey—You, we believe, know all about the meanness that is going on in your neighborhood, and now for the last time we want to warn you, and now say positively if any more gates are cut down or property of any kind damaged or anybody injured in any way bodily, according to threats made heretofore, we will tell you, not a hundred of us, as you say you are, but only twenty-one, have entered into a body and taken an oath to go to your house and hang you by the neck till dead, and six or more of your friends we will treat the same way. Now you can take heed in time. We will do you no harm if no other damage is done; but if it is every word in this letter will certainly be carried out to the letter."

"We send this and put it in your hands as we want to give you a fair chance for your life and that of your friends. We have allowed you to go on unmolested until now and you are at the end of your row, and you will find it out quickly if any other deceptions are made in any shape whatever."

"Twenty-one Men of Wilson."

A PROBABLE CLUE.

This has created no little sensation here. Mr. Spivey says he has no idea who sent the letter. He thinks he has a clue as to the man who brought it to him. He does not live in Wilson. Mr. Spivey says he has no idea who cut down the gates or burned the pack house. He knows it was done, and that feeling about these things is very high in his neighborhood. No one here who knows him believes he is at all connected with it. The letter to him was written in a large, bold hand, and does not seem to have been disguised. Mr. Spivey will bring suit in the June term of the superior court against a prominent citizen of this place for slander, in accusing him of having fired Mr. Young's pack house.—Richmond Dispatch.

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TOM BIGBEE ON THE RISE

RAILWAY TRACKS ARE UNDER WATER.

Bridges Down, Farms Submerged, Travellers Besieged, and More Than Twenty People Drowned in Alabama.

MOBILE, Ala., April 13.—The Tom Bigbee river at Demopolis, Ala., is rising at the rate of six inches an hour and great acres of low lands planted with corn or cotton are under water. The rise from 6 o'clock last night is eight feet. The river is within seven and a half feet of the high water of 1874 and will probably pass that point today.

The Alabama and Great Southern railway track is submerged near Epes station, and the trains of that road are using the East Tennessee road to Meridian, Mississippi.

Westpoint, Miss., is surrounded by water and is practically an island. Every railroad is washed out and nearly all the wires are down. Every bridge in the country is washed away and much stock is lost. The hotels in Westpoint are crowded with water-bound passengers. The first through train for Mobile on the M. and O. went out Monday night, but the rain began falling again and it looks now as if the flood would be greater than before.

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