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## VOTE For the RAILROAD and for PROSPERITY!

### EVERYBODY TALKING RAILROAD!

Since the first railroad came through Henderson county there has been an increase in real estate values of over 262 per cent.

The new railroad is almost the sole topic of discussion in Hendersonville and Henderson county. This is as it should be, and were the full importance of the great scheme fully appreciated by our people, it would be the sole topic.

In fact, outside of the time necessary to eat and sleep, everyone should work for it, scheme for it, plan for it, and most of all talk for it. And then vote for it.

Nothing of equal importance has ever come before the voters of the county. It has taken one railroad to help develop Henderson county to the point where she now stands. It needs another road, a competing line, to develop the marvelous resources of the county which now lie untouched and unprofitable.

The dream of the future of Henderson county with another great railroad opening up its choicest section, developing its great and wonderful water powers, bringing it in close touch with thousands of miles of railroad now inaccessible, giving honest competition in freight rates, is fascinating.

And it is within the power of the voters of the county to say whether or not they want this dream to become an actual fact or whether they want the present condition of affairs to continue.

What every farmer and every business man in the county is interested in is competition and lower freight rates, and the new road will bring about just that.

No more favorable or fairer financial proposition was ever made than the one to be submitted to the voters on October 17th.

It's just a clean cut business proposition and one which must appeal to everyone interested.

There is no trick, no scheme. The money to build the road is available. Work will begin as soon as it is known the people want the road, and doubtless within a year the shriek of the first steam horse ever to penetrate these virgin forests will be flung back from the granite walls of the surrounding mountains in shrill echoes which joyfully shout, "Progress and Prosperity, Progress and Prosperity," and the primeval solitude will be disturbed by the thunder of heavily laden trains, some bearing tourists to view the grandeur of the most beautiful country in the world and others bearing the produce of Henderson farms to wider and better markets.

That first engine certainly will represent progress and prosperity. It will be the symbol of the newly awakened energy of the people of old Henderson and in its wake will follow a wave of prosperity which will make the county blossom as a rose, and will affect the material welfare of every inhabitant.

Real estate values in the county will advance. The water powers along the line will bring mills and factories. New and wider markets will be opened up, and Henderson county will be easily accessible from any part of the country.

The interest awakened in Buncombe, which county is to vote \$200,000 in bonds, is truly remarkable. The Citizen and Gazette-News devote much space to discussing the matter, and there has yet to be heard of any opposition.

In Haywood it's the same, and it appears the people of these counties fully realize just what the new road means to them and are determined to let nothing prevent it from coming their way.

Where anything is so ardently desired by so many people, where so many directly interested men commend the plan after the very closest scrutiny, where the newspapers are urging it without exception, and the leading professional, business and financial men of the different communities endorse it, there can be no chance for failure and it is as certain as can be that the bond issue of \$50,000 asked of Henderson will be carried. And it will be carried by a big majority, too, unless the Hustler is mistaken.

The road stands for progress, for prosperity, and developments of the county.

The voters of Henderson county, the most intelligent and fairest set of men to be found anywhere, stand on that same platform.

#### The Mass Meeting.

The railroad mass meeting held at the Court House last Tuesday night was certainly enthusiastic. About 150 men were present, and when a motion to adjourn was made by some rash spectator no one could be found to second it.

Plans for a hot railroad campaign were mapped out. There will be at least two public meetings held in each precinct. Some stirring and earnest speeches were made and it was undoubtedly the most exciting and enthusiastic meeting ever held in Hendersonville, and that's going some, because when it comes to discussing ways and means for any great public enterprise, this town heads the procession every time.

And the point is that these great schemes are now about to become FACTS, as the near future will show.

#### Tryon Favorable.

In a letter just received from Mayor Strong, he said:

"Much interested in your information about bond elections. The indications are that the town of Tryon will vote favorably, as little is said in opposition. The local papers are advertising the measure as are nearly all the business men."

It is certainly hoped that the Tryon end of Polk county will stand square for a great Western North Carolina movement.

#### What Do You Think Of This?

The State's attorneys in the railway rate hearing at Washington have run across some right interesting information lately, according to the Washington correspondent of the Raleigh News and Observer. He says vouchers, in favor of the Raleigh Evening Times aggregating the sum of \$6,000, have been paid by the Southern Railway for advertising purposes, during the past ten months. This is \$600 per month, or only \$25 less than a congressman's salary. It is also pointed out that the Charlotte Observer has received only \$21.86 per month for similar purposes and the Washington Post just \$98.90.

The News and Observer features the story and comes out "red-headed" in denouncing the favoritism shown to its evening neighbor, whom it claims has been subsidized by the Southern Railway. The date and the number of the vouchers is given and the person to whom issued—President Jno. C. Drewery, of the Times—approved by Vice-President Andrews, of the Southern.

#### Railroad Shortens Its Name.

The Tennessee Coal Field and South Atlantic Trans-Continental Railway Company was granted yesterday an amendment to its charter changing the name of the corporation to "South Atlantic Trans-Continental Railroad Company." This is the road known as Col. S. A. Jones' railroad and is one of those to be built largely by convict labor furnished by the State prison and for which the State is to get railroad bonds or stock in payment.—Raleigh News & Observer.

J. P. Wilkenson and family have returned to Hawk's Park, Florida, after spending the summer here. To the Hustler, Mr. Wilkenson said: "We have enjoyed our stay in Hendersonville very much and have been greatly benefited by the superb climate. We have been treated by everyone with the utmost courtesy and kindness and if unable to return next season, still we shall always have the most pleasant recollections of your beautiful city and its kindly citizens."

### Mass Meeting Next Monday

There will be a mass meeting next Monday, at one o'clock, at the court house. Every man in the county should BE THERE. It will be a railroad meeting, and that announcement will be enough to fill the building. Its the first day of court and don't fail to be there.

#### Bureau of Railroad Information.

A bureau of information has been established in the County Commissioner's room in the court house. W. J. Davis and W. A. Garland will be in charge and one of these gentlemen will be there all the time.

Printed matter concerning the new railroad will be on hand for distribution and any one wishing information about the greatest enterprise ever projected for this county will find it right there. Call around and ask questions. They will be glad to answer them.

#### As it Looks to An Outsider.

E. J. Sherwood, editor of "The Field," Conway, S. C., spent several days in town last week. Mrs. Sherwood has been a guest of Mrs. J. L. Egerton during the summer and returned to South Carolina on Monday.

Referring to Hendersonville, Mr. Sherwood said:

"The wide and pleasant and well kept streets and sidewalks of your truly beautiful city must make a favorable first impression upon the average visitor here. I do not know the income of the town but the public improvements evident on all sides speaks well for your administration, and when compared with Columbia, S. C., for instance, the comparison is entirely in your favor."

"It seems to me that Hendersonville has the energy and wide-awake spirit which generally is found only in towns many times its size."

"The public spirit manifested strikes me as remarkable, and when one considers its marvelous natural advantages, its beautiful location and unsurpassed climate, its future must seem assured."

#### Can't Understand It.

H. H. Saylor, of West Academy st., says: "I do not see how you can afford to publish a newspaper like The Hustler for seventy-five cents. The 'Watkins Express,' my home paper in New York state, charges twice as much and is only one-half as readable."

#### H. Patterson Bankrupt.

The creditors of H. Patterson have filed a petition in involuntary bankruptcy against him in the U. S. District Court at Asheville.

The court will hear the case on Sept. 30th.

Liabilities are alleged to be \$24,000. Assets are not stated. Knoxville firms filed the petitions and with it a letter from Patterson stating he was unable to meet his obligations.

Mr. Patterson came here from Danville, Ky., last Fall. He recently opened a store in Brevard. He has apparently done a flourishing business.

Mr. Patterson says his liabilities are about \$30,000.

For The Hustler.

#### THE RAIN.

By James Walker Heatherly.

It rains, and the day is dark;  
And my soul is full of pain,  
But be patient, tomorrow, hark!  
The sun will shine again.

It rains; the birds quit singing.  
They cuddle in the cold, wet rain;  
But ere long we'll hear their music ringing.  
When the sun comes out again.

It rains; the good Creator  
Sends us all the rain.  
The fragrance of the flowers will be sweeter  
When the sun comes out again.

When this life's rain is o'er,  
And I'm through with toil and pain,  
I hope on the unknown shore  
The sun will shine again.

#### May Come Here.

The following is only a sample of many such inquiries received at this office, and emphasizes the need of proper advertising matter to mail out in reply:

Belmar, N. J., Sept. 19, '07.  
Editor Hustler: I recently came across two copies of your paper, Sept. 5 and 12, and would like to get some odd copies of your interesting publication, also a copy of the Southern Ruralist, so as to get a better idea of your town and its surrounding country. Will you doubt be a regular subscriber if that part of the country seems to be what I am looking for, but I have yet to learn a little more about it. I shall thank you kindly for the papers, and remain, Yours truly  
F. MASKER.  
P. O. Box 582.

#### Mill at Flat Rock.

The site for the new hosiery mill at Flat Rock has been cleared and staked off and work on the construction of the building will soon begin. Contract for the erection of about 30 houses will also be shortly let. Messrs Wilcox and his associates will push the operations to completion as rapidly as possible. The capital stock of the company is \$30,000.

#### Inspection of Milk.

The health of the community is so excellent that any measure looking to maintaining it so would meet with hearty public approval. Along this line it has been suggested that the Board of Health inspect all milk sold in the city, and also make a rigid examination of all dairies from which milk is supplied. If possible, some such action would be doubtless beneficial, it is believed.

It might be profitable, also to investigate the pasturage of some of the many cows owned in the city.

#### Haywood County Fair.

We have received the Premium List of the Third Annual Haywood County Fair to be held at Waynesville October 9, 10, 11 and 12. It is an attractive folio of 72 pages, and contains much to interest farmers and stock raisers. In the department of Farm Products alone the handsome sum of \$550.00 is offered in premiums of which amount \$100.00 is for the best individual farm exhibit, and \$50.00 for the second best. Other departments are also treated liberally. In all about \$2000.00 is offered in premiums and purses.

The Association has our best wishes for continued success.

### HENDERSONVILLE AS THE IDEAL WINTER RESORT

Hendersonville has had its full share of visitors this summer, and although crowds have left, still a goodly number remain to enjoy what many believe to be the finest season of the whole year.

The crowds may not have seemed so large as during previous years, but most people forget that Hendersonville's capacity has steadily been increasing.

Whether or not the number of tourists has increased in the same proportion may be a debatable question. If not, the town has put itself to blame. There has been no organized effort to bring people here, and there has been absolutely no advertising matter for distribution.

Many well informed people believe the town may have felt the results of this oversight during the past season. Certain it is that Asheville is spending time, money and brains in letting the world know about Asheville. Hendersonville is doing nothing along that line. Is this wise?

But now comes glorious Fall and bracing Winter. Hendersonville should be full of visitors for these fine months and would be the outside world aware of the incomparable advantages offered by this wonderful climate.

People from the North are getting tired of going to Florida for the Winter. The climate there is enervating. Here it is bracing and so much milder than the rigorous weather experienced in the North that it invariably makes enthusiastic friends amongst those who spend the winter in the mountains.

Safe it is to say that nowhere may be found skies more blue, a sun of more genial warmth, or so dry and bracing an atmosphere.

With scenery unsurpassed for beauty on the American continent, with climate conditions unrivaled, a hospitable people waiting to afford a warm welcome, easily and conveniently reached from all parts of the country, Hendersonville's claims as an ideal winter resort are based on solid and enduring foundations and those claims would be given ample recognition amongst the people of the North were they properly presented to them.

Make the name Hendersonville as well known there as Asheville and there will be no lack of visitors here during the fall and winter. A little money and united effort will turn the trick. The prize is worthy of the effort.

"If you can't boost, don't knock."

United effort is necessary to develop any town, but if every man were to push his own private business for all its worth great and lasting good to the entire community would result. This original thought is suggested by the work that H. S. Anderson has been doing the past summer, in the western part of town. He has parked a large tract of land, built two miles of road, has several houses under construction and more about to be contracted for. He has helped make a wonderful transformation in that part of town and has helped the entire community just that much while pushing his own business.

John Orr has been working along this same line and in the same neighborhood as Mr. Anderson. Mr. Orr has shown the best of good taste and judgment in his improvements, and that large tract of land which not so long ago was absolutely unimproved now has the appearance of a gigantic park. With all the underbrush cleared away, dead timber removed, and fine streets built, it is truly a magnificent property. So Mr. Orr has helped the entire community while pushing his own business.

A party of congressmen will start from Asheville on Oct. 22nd and travel over the proposed forest reserve. If they come to Hendersonville they will be made welcome.

Henry Justice says he wants that new railroad built, and does not care what it costs. This assures the new road, and speaks well for the well known public spirit of the only ox-cart expressman in the South.

### October 8th

Through the efforts of Congressman W. T. Crawford, who has been in Washington making the necessary arrangements, the Secretary of Agriculture has designated an expert agriculturist to accompany the road expert who will hold a good roads institute in Hendersonville on October 8th.

The benefit to be derived from this institute is so manifest that every farmer in the county should make it a point to attend. It will be a practical object lesson from which all may benefit.

The Postoffice Department heartily endorses these institutes, as bad roads is the greatest obstacle to the department establishing and extending the rural route service.

A popular feature of the institute to be held here on the 8th will be the fine stereopticon views of road building and road improvements, and every farmer in the county, with his wife, should certainly be present. Good roads means much to any community and this will be an opportunity to gain knowledge along that line from an expert.

Congressman Crawford will be present at this meeting.

#### Here From California.

Mr. Edgar Johnson, of California, with his mother, Mrs. Johnson, are visiting friends and relatives here. Mr. Johnson was born in Henderson county and left here 25 years ago for California, which state, barring the time spent in his travels over a good part of the world, has since been his home. He is editor and proprietor of the Fullerton (Cal.) Tribune, a modern paper and a modern newspaper plant, and is interested in various other enterprises. Mr. Johnson thinks well of California, where he has prospered. He says it is the land of opportunity now, as it was then, and Mr. Johnson seems to have seized the opportunities which came his way. He is a busy man, so much so indeed, that he has a telephone and two telegraph instruments in his home, so as to be in touch with his various business interests at all times.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will remain in Henderson county for the next two weeks, when they will return to California.

#### Taxes.

The taxpayers of Henderson County are requested to meet me or my deputy at the following times and places for the purpose of settling their taxes for the year 1907, which are now due and in my hands for collection:

- Bowmans Bluff, O. M. Huggins' store, Monday, October 14.
- Crab Creek, at Church, Tuesday, October 15.
- Green River, at Green River Mfg. Co. store, Wednesday, October 16.
- Mills River, at Johnston's store, Thursday, October 17.
- Etowah, Friday, October 18.
- Raven Rock, Saluda, Morris & Co., store, Saturday, October 19.
- Clear Creek, Fruitland, Monday, October 21.
- Edneyville, Maxwell's store, Tuesday, October 22.
- Bat Cave, Freeman's store, Wednesday, October 23.
- Hoopers Creek, Cunningham's store, Thursday, October 24.
- Blue Ridge, Case's store, Friday, October 25.

Please confer with me at one of these appointments for the purpose indicated, as the law requires the settlement of all taxes on or before November 1st. These visits will be made for the convenience of the people, and it is hoped that you will avail yourself of the opportunity thus presented to procure receipts while you have the money.

Very respectfully  
C. E. BROOKS  
Tax Collector

This September 26, 1907.