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Brilliant South Carolina Senator Died Early Today In Washington

Senator Lattimer Answers Last Call—Splendid Record in Congress Reviewed—Was Leader in Good Roads Work.

Took Lead in Immigration Movement—On Many Important Committees—Body Taken to Old Home at Belton.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—Senator Ashbury C. Lattimer, of South Carolina, died at the Providence hospital this morning of peritonitis.

He had been at the hospital since Sunday last, when he underwent an operation for appendicitis. It was then discovered he was suffering with a far more serious ailment.

His bowels had become twisted and his condition was found to be such that the surgeons held out little hope for recovery.

He rallied, however, and his progress was satisfactory until 7 o'clock last evening, when steadily he began to grow worse.

At midnight it appeared recovery was impossible. Members of the senator's family were with him when he died, having been informed that there was little hope that he would survive through the night.

Colonel Ransdel, sergeant-at-arms of the senate, is making arrangements for the removal of the body to the Lattimer home at Belton, S. C. The journey will be begun tonight.

Senate Adjourns. As a mark of respect to the late senator there was an unusual attendance in the senate when the vice-president sounded the gavel and Chaplain Hale opened the proceedings with prayer, in which he referred with much feeling to the bereavement that had come to the country in the death of the member who only a few days ago had been on the floor of the senate.

The chaplain referred feelingly to the late Senator Lattimer in his prayer. Senator Tillman announced the death of his colleague, saying: "The senators in the chamber were startled Monday with the news that a surgical operation was to be performed upon my colleague, Mr. Lattimer. It is now my painful duty to announce that he never sufficiently rallied to make any headway and that he died this morning."

The vice-president appointed the following committee to arrange for and attend the funeral: Senators Tillman, Proctor, Frazier, Foster, Overton, Johnston, Carter, Dillingham, Dixon and Smith, (Mich.). The senate at 12:29 adjourned as a further mark of respect.

In the House. In the house Mr. Finly, of South Carolina, feelingly referred to the death of Senator Lattimer and offered resolutions of regret, which were unanimously adopted. The speaker announced the following committee to attend the funeral: Messrs. Finly, Lever, Patterson, Elberie, Legare, Johnson and Aiken, South Carolina; Bennett, New York; Barraet, Alabama; Cook, Colorado; Rodenberg, Illinois; Hinshaw and Pollard, Nebraska; Lee, Georgia; Deamond, Missouri; Webb, North Carolina; Fairchild, New York; Kusnerman, Wisconsin.

As a former mark of respect the house at 1:12 adjourned. The Hamiltonian commission adopted resolutions of regret, paying tribute to the service of the late senator as a member of the commission, and extending sympathy to the family.

His Splendid Record. Mr. Lattimer was 67 years of age. He was one of the most earnest and conscientious workers in congress, being a member of the committee on agriculture, immigration, manufactures, public buildings and grounds and census, as well as others of less importance. He was especially interested in good roads and probably did more to promote the national movement for the government building of good roads than any other member of congress.

He was the author of the Lattimer good roads bill. As a member of the manufactures committee he gave much attention to the preparation of the pure food law and also played a prominent part in drafting the pending copyright bill. During last summer he visited Europe as a member of the immigration commission and was preparing an elaborate report covering immigration conditions in the countries assigned to him. Mr. Lattimer had been senator since 1903, and had served five terms in the house. There will be no official services in Washington. The funeral party will leave here at 8 o'clock this evening on a special train over the Southern, which is due to arrive at Belton at noon tomorrow.

Reward of \$100 Offered For Capture of Yeggmen

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 20.—A reward of \$100 each has been offered by Governor Glenn for the arrest of the gang of robbers who raided the Granite Falls Bank Saturday evening, and carried off the cash on hand, amounting to \$3,500 and locked the cashier in the vault where he was obliged to remain all night.

So far as is known here as yet there is no clue to the guilty parties. Governor Glenn left this morning for Lynchburg to deliver a Y. M. C. A. address. He will return to Raleigh Saturday.

Demand Impeachment. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—In the house of representatives today Representative Waldo, of New York, made a demand for the impeachment of Judge Leblitz R. Wiley, of the United States court for China, at Shanghai. He presented and had read the articles of impeachment.

Stoessel Sentenced. By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—General Stoessel was sentenced to death today. The court recommends that the sentence be commuted to ten years imprisonment in the fortress. General Prock was reprimanded. Generals Smirnov and Reiss were acquitted.

Serious Fire Visits New Hampshire Town. By Associated Press. North Woodstock, N. H., Feb. 20.—Three business blocks, a hotel and a livery stable, which comprised the larger part of the business section of this town, were destroyed by fire, at an aggregate damage of approximately \$100,000.

The fire started in the Fairchild house, in which there were 25 guests, all of whom had time to save their effects. The fire was communicated to the opera house block, a three story building occupied on the ground floor by Mrs. John Ellburg, of Norfolk, Va., is visiting Mrs. Fred L. Bunn, of 1011 North Church street.

Big Fleet At Callao. By Associated Press. Callao, Feb. 20.—The wireless dispatch from the Connecticut says Rear Admiral Evans is still in poor health, and Rear Admiral Thomas, commander of the second squadron and third division of the fleet, has assumed charge of the vessels.

From an early hour this morning the street cars coming into Callao were crowded with passengers who are eager to witness the arrival of the American warships.

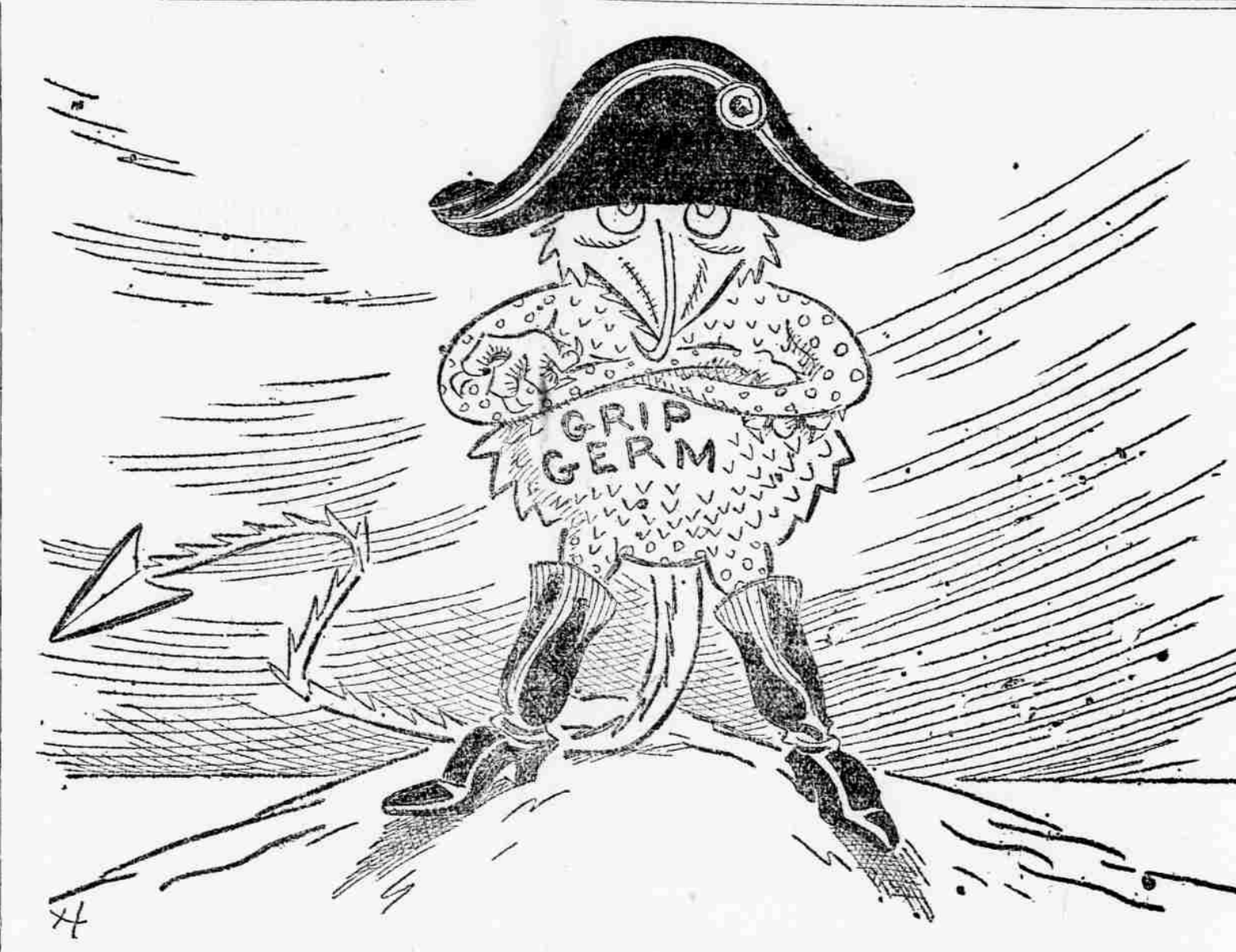
Russia Plans Expenditure Of Over Billion Dollars. By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—Representatives of the Russian admiralty submitted to the commission of national defence of the duma the financial outline of the naval program.

The program is to be completed in 1917, and includes the construction of a fleet of battleships. The expenditures involve the amount of \$1,078,000,000.

MR. PRICE RETURNS. Prominent Attorney, After a Year's Absence, Returns to Salisbury. Special to The News. Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 20.—This city has regained one of her good citizens, in the person of Augustus H. Price, Esq., who this week returned from Jacksonville, Fla., where he has been practicing law for a year and a half. Mr. Price is the son of the late Capt. Charles Price, was for a time assistant United States district attorney, and was once prominently mentioned in connection with the republican nomination for congress in this district.

Farmer Goes Insane. Special to The News. Statesville, N. C., Feb. 20.—Mr. John Ryan, a farmer about 50 years old, is violently insane at his home in Olin township and an effort will be made to get him in the state hospital at Morganton.

Negro Boy Accidentally Shot by His Sister. Special to The News. Greenville, S. C., Feb. 20.—Northern Williams, a young negro was accidentally killed yesterday by his sister with a parlor rifle.



A NAPOLEON WHO HAS YET TO MEET HIS WATERLOO!

Juniors Close Big Meeting

State Council J. O. U. A. M. Closed Annual Session at Winston Today—Report of Work Done—Next Meeting Place. Special to The News. Winston-Salem, N. C., Feb. 20.—The state council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics closed its annual session at 11:50 today to meet next year at Elizabeth City.

A resolution was adopted at the closing session to establish a state organization. The matter was referred to the board of officers for action. If the new paper is established Z. P. Smith, who was this week deposed as editor of the American, the national organ published at Raleigh, will likely have the editorial management.

The council increased the salary of the state councilor from \$150 to \$250, with actual expenses. The resolution favoring a state funeral benefit department was adopted. Action for the organization will be taken at the next meeting of the state council.

This means the withdrawal from the National Funeral Benefit Association. New officers were installed by Deputy National Councilor W. W. Wilson, of Raleigh.

Southbound Railway Stops Construction Work

Special to The News. Winston-Salem, N. C., Feb. 20.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Southbound Railway, held here today, the old officers were elected. H. E. Fries is president.

The discussion revealed the fact that the construction work on the road, which is to extend from this city to Wadesboro, will not be resumed until normal financial conditions return.

Yacht Stranded. By Associated Press. Baltimore, Md., Feb. 20.—The yacht Hist, which stranded in Chesapeake bay yesterday was high and dry today. The vessel lies in a sheltered position. So far as is known at the naval academy this morning the submarine, Viper, which went aground below Annapolis yesterday was still fast. No alarm is expressed for the safety of either craft.

Charges Against Blackstone. By Associated Press. Richmond, Va., Feb. 20.—An investigation of the charges against Judge Blackstone, of the 11th circuit, for whose removal on the ground of incompetency, drinking and immorality, a petition was presented to the general assembly, was commenced before the house committee on courts of justice today.

Railway Rebate Charges. By Associated Press. Richmond, Va., Feb. 20.—The investigation of railway rebate charges was resumed before Commissioner Lane of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the case of the Chesapeake and Ohio being still under consideration. Much testimony was introduced corroborative of that adduced yesterday.

As Regards Old Debt. By Associated Press. Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 20.—The house passed a joint resolution adopted by the senate creating a non-partisan commission to advise with the governor and board of public works of the suit over West Virginia's share of the old Virginia ante-bellum debt.

Negro Hanged. Easton, Pa., Feb. 20.—William Handy, a South Carolina negro, was hanged here for the murder of Policeman Shuman, of South Bethlehem.

Harriman Wins The Decision

By Associated Press. Chicago, Ill., Feb. 20.—E. H. Harriman today gained a complete victory in the Illinois Central litigation, which has been in the superior court since last October.

Judge Ball rendered a decision dissolving the temporary injunction granted to Stuyvesant Fish by which 286,231 shares of stock were enjoined from being voted at the annual meeting of the Illinois Central.

This stock, which was held by the Union Pacific Railroad Company and Railroad Securities Company of New Jersey, can now be voted at the annual meeting which will be held here March 2nd.

The Opinion. Judge Ball, in his decision, says: "The only thing averred and proved in this case as to the future actions of the defendant is that at the coming election the Union Pacific and the Railroad Securities Company will vote the stock they own and control for the re-election of three of the present directors, each of whom has served the Illinois Central acceptably for many years, and for the fourth director, in place of Mr. Fish, a competent man who is not in any way connected with the Union Pacific."

"No act prejudicial to the Illinois Central or to its stockholders is shown to have been done." The judge continues: "Relations between the Union Pacific and Illinois Central are now what they were when Fish was in power and assisted in shaping, and consented to such relations."

He added: "While Mr. Fish may rightfully desire to remain director of the Illinois Central, and to that end may use every lawful means in his power, every lawful means in his power to the office unless he is legally elected thereto, thence his defeat, if it comes from a lack of valid votes, is no legal injury to the civil or property rights of Fish or those of his fellow complainants."

The court denied that there is any rule of American common law that one corporation can not hold stock in another corporation when the first corporation has in its charter the specific provision that in this case, he said, it was proved and not denied by the Union Pacific and the Railroad Securities Company each has express power to buy of the state of its creation to buy, and hold stock in other corporations.

Digs Well 180 Feet Deep. Special to The News. Pineville, N. C., Feb. 20.—Mr. J. S. Miller has the deepest well of any individual around these parts, having reached the depth of 180 feet and has never reached water. He is thinking that he will strike oil soon and his fortune will be made!

Hosiery Mill Burned. By Associated Press. Philadelphia, Feb. 20.—Several hundred girls employed in the large hosiery mill of Thomas Henry and Sons, were driven from their work by fire which destroyed the mill. About 200 of the girls were overcome by smoke but soon revived after reaching the street. Nearly all of the operatives used fire escapes in escaping from the building.

Butt Pleads Guilty. By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., Feb. 20.—Alex B. Butt, cashier of the wrecked Peoples' Bank of Portsmouth, pleaded guilty upon three of the twenty-two indictments against him, and making restitution to the depositors to the extent of \$37,000 was immediately sentenced to three years in the penitentiary at Richmond and to pay a fine of \$7,154.

Must They Die? St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—It is persistently rumored that the judges have agreed to sentence Generals Stoessel, Fock and Reiss to death, but that they have applied to the emperor to commute the sentence to 15 years imprisonment.

Fair Officials Trial Put Off

The Charge of Allowing Lewd Shows and Gambling Will Not be Heard at This Term of Court—The Reason. When court convened this morning it was expected by the large number of spectators present, that the trial of the Mecklenburg Fair authorities, charged with allowing lewd shows and gambling at the last fair, would be taken up, but they were disappointed, as nothing but minor cases were disposed of. Now that there is only two days more of court it is thought that the trial will not be had at this term.

Up to the noon recess this morning, the jury which was given the case against Sam Reid and Tom Shankler, the two negroes charged with stealing a bale of cotton from Henry Neely last October, had not arrived at a verdict. Above the hum of the many noises in the court room, could be heard the wrangling of this jury, and all of them seemed to be talking at once.

At one time during the morning they sent for Judge Webb, and told him they had decided as to the guilt of one, but were not agreed as to the other. Which one of the defendants are holding the jury could not be learned.

It is thought that Judge Webb will not discharge the jury until some agreement is reached. Mr. Sam Culp, whose trial for embezzling wood from Mr. Wade H. Harris is told below, was acquitted of the charge.

"Gold Dust" in Court. "Gold Dust," the little black ink spot, who has figured often in the police court, was the star witness in the trial of Monroe Watson, a negro charged with retailing, in the court this morning.

"Gold Dust," who gets his name from the fact that he looks like he has deserted his twin in the magazine pictures, told that he purchased a pint of whiskey from Monroe Watson, but in his evidence, he was so shaky and inconsistent, that the solicitor did not ask for a conviction, and Watson was acquitted without the case going to the jury.

Charged With Taking Wood. Another trial, which took up a great portion of the morning session, was that of Mr. Sam Culp, who was charged by Mr. Wade H. Harris with embezzling some wood. Mr. Harris claimed that the wood was placed in Mr. Culp's hands for him to sell on commission. Mr. Culp claimed that he purchased the wood outright, and that there was nothing in the transaction but an outright sale. Mr. Stewart represented Mr. Culp, while Mr. F. M. Shannonhouse aided the solicitor in the prosecution.

VISITING SCHOOLS Superintendent Cochran Reports Them to be Flourishing. Prof. R. J. Cochran returned today from visiting the public schools at Arlington and Bain Academy.

Mr. Cochran reports that he found these two schools progressing and doing a fine work. The enrollment at the Arlington School, which is a new one, is over 100 and two teachers are employed. These are Mr. Z. B. Moss and Mary Belle Flowers.

At Bain Academy four teachers are employed and the enrollment and attendance is far above the average for this time of year.

Meeting of I. O. F. Tonight. A large attendance of the members of this order is expected tonight at the hall of Charlotte Lodge No. 88. There will be candidates present, who will be introduced to the mysteries of the second degree. All members of the order in the city most cordially invited to be present.

Mecklenburg Good Road System Highly Praised By Roanoke Committee

Escaped Yeggman Steals Horse And is Captured

Special to The News. Shelby, N. C., Feb. 20.—Will Limberick, one of the prisoners who saved their way out of the jail a few weeks ago was retaken Monday night. It seems that after breaking jail Limberick did not go far away. And Sunday night stole a horse from Mr. Mun willis who lives above Belwood.

Limberick it seems saw some man whom he knew and confided to him that he had appropriated another man's horse, and would be through Shelby about dusk. This friend proved false and came and told the authorities and they were on the watch and arrested Limberick about dusk. He was in jail in the beginning for breaking into a store also robbing a safe.

Blow Pipe Bursts And Two Men Are Burned

Special to The News. Shelby, N. C., Feb. 20.—A most distressing accident occurred Wednesday afternoon at the oil mill. Preston Taylor, a white man from near Lattimore, was in the engine room near the boiler when the blow pipe burst, and he was scalded and burned. Both of his hands up to the elbow, his head, face and eyes were seriously affected. It is hoped the injuries will not prove fatal. Odus McDonald, fireman, was burned not so seriously. He was not an employee. It is not known what caused the pipe to burst as it was quite new.

Bill Ellis, colored, also had four fingers of his hand cut off at the oil mill this morning.

Colonial and State Reports. Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 20.—State Librarian M. O. Sherrill desired the people of the state to keep in mind the fact that there is a complete set of the North Carolina Colonial and State records in every court house in the state, placed there especially for citizens to have access for any and all kinds of historic research. He says it is therefore unnecessary to write the state library for information contained in the records.

Chinese And Japs Fighting

By Associated Press. Portland, Ore., Feb. 20.—Advices have been received here from Hong Kong and other Chinese cities that a species of guerilla warfare has broken out in Manchuria between the Japanese soldiers, who make up the army of occupation, and the native Chinese, who are bent on driving out of the country representatives of the power whom they fear as an encroaching menace.

It is said in these advices that several conflicts have already occurred between the soldiers and the people and that the Japanese have been driven entirely from the towns of Hope, Gi Blu an En Tai Hope Gi.

It is said that one of the cases of grievance the Chinese have against the Japanese is the fact that the latter are trying to get control of the railways, revenues and telegraphs in Manchuria.

DEATH OF MR. WHITE. Well Known Veteran Passes Away in Cornelius. Mr. J. H. White, of Cornelius, a Confederate veteran who is well known in Charlotte, died yesterday morning. He suffered a severe stroke of paralysis in September of 1905 and had been confined ever since that time.

Mr. White was among the first of Mecklenburg to answer the call for volunteers of the war between the states. He served four years with company "C."

Three daughters survive, Mrs. Katie Iddings, of Winston-Salem; Miss Carrie White, of Cornelius; Mrs. Emma Spradley, of McAdenville; and three sons, Messrs. A. T. White, of Maryland; W. A. White, of Huntersville; and S. L. White, of Huntersville. One sister and one brother also survive, Mrs. Betsy McKinley, of Hopewell, and Mr. John White, of this county.

The funeral services were held today from Mount Zion Methodist Church.

Finance Committee. The finance committee of the Mecklenburg Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company held a meeting at the court house this morning and audited the treasurer's books. The annual meeting of the association was called for the second Saturday in March. The late W. E. Ardrey was president of the company. Mr. John McDowell, vice-president, is acting president. The finances of the committee is composed of Captain J. H. McClintock, W. S. Pharr and W. J. Hutchison.

Concise And Accurate History of This County's McAdam Thoroughfares Reported to Civic League of Va. Town.

The Scheme of County Convict Camps And Taxation Appeals to The Men Who Came Here to Inspect. No finer tribute to Mecklenburg good road system has ever been put than that from the committee coming here from the Civic Improvement League of Roanoke county, Virginia, which recently inspected the county thoroughfares and pikes. Their report is accurate and concise and the county has never had published any better description of its road system than theirs. The committee consists of Messrs. D. C. Moomaw and F. H. La Baume.

Their visit to Mecklenburg appeared to have greatly strengthened the systematic business like campaign for better roads in Roanoke county. The report this committee makes is as follows: Civic Improvement League of Roanoke County: Gentlemen—Your committee appointed to inspect the roads of Charlotte-Mecklenburg county, North Carolina, spent the whole day of January 28th of the ground, drove over some twenty-five or thirty miles of these roads, inspected the camps, etc., and a complete report is submitted herewith:

On arrival at Charlotte, we were met by Mr. N. J. Wicks and Mr. Wm. Long, chairman county committee, Mecklenburg county, and immediately after were driven out into the country over as fine systems of macadam roads as probably exist anywhere in the south today.

The Road Bed. The road bed averages 40 feet near the outskirts of the city, thus allowing them to put 12 feet of macadam or metal in the center with room for dirt driveways on each side. Beyond the two mile line, the macadamized road is shifted to the left hand side of the road going from the city, and the road bed from ditch to ditch is narrowed to 30 feet. This gives ample room for macadamized road on one side and dirt roads on the other. The macadam roads being on the right hand side facing toward the city, naturally gets all the heavy traffic city bound, while in favorable weather, light wagons homeward bound can use the dirt roads to good advantage.

All told, Mecklenburg county has completed to date something like 200 miles of well built macadamized roads embracing some fifteen lines diverging from the center, and ranging in length from six to twenty-two miles, with numerous cross lines and laterals in addition.

The campaign of road improvement has added at least a couple of million dollars in taxable valuation to the county, and notwithstanding this, it has not been a burden on the taxpayers. Mecklenburg county has never bonded itself for road improvement. All the work has been accomplished as a result of a levy of one-fourth of one per cent on all taxable property, city and county, and this assures a total yearly road fund of approximately \$100,000.00, which is raised mainly by the road levy. In addition, however, the county gets 38 cents on each poll and a pro-rata from the general state fund amounting approximately to \$33,000.00. The tax rate including county and state, is only \$2.16 per hundred, and the unanimous verdict on the part of every one met, was that the county and city had both many times value received for all money expended in the road improvement campaign.

City and County Co-operate. Mecklenburg has been very fortunate in starting this work with the hearty co-operation and mutual interest and assistance of both the county and city people. All city and county residents have each contributed a like amount to the road fund, and we were informed by the road supervisors, in direct reply to Mr. Moomaw's question, that nothing whatever could have been accomplished had they not co-operated with each other in this manner. Furthermore we were informed that it was very necessary for every town to co-operate with the counties in movements of this kind for good roads. The business men of Charlotte told us that if anything they get a greater and more direct pecuniary benefit from these macadam roads than the farmer and the resident of the county and for that reason they were more than willing to pay their share.

The most vital factor in the success of the road movement in Mecklenburg county appears to lie in the perfect system and business methods that characterize the whole undertaking. The convict camps are clean and sanitary; the food is abundant, palatable and healthful; the discipline is good and while the men are worked from sun up to sun down, they are a healthy, hearty and contented appearing lot of fellows and accomplish easily two or three times as much work in the

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