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North Carolina Good Roads Association
Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 17, 1902.
To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN:—The campaign for Good Roads in North Carolina has reached the stage where we must either go forward or backward. The recent Convention of Good Roads advocates at Raleigh brought together representative men from every part of the State, who with one accord agree that Good Roads in North Carolina are a vital necessity. The great difficulty confronting us is to discover the means whereby they may be secured. The object of the North Carolina Good Roads Association is to promote the interests of better public roads in every county in North Carolina and in this work we ask the co-operation of every public spirited citizen in the State. The necessity for combined effort, however, is obvious to the success of the movement, and we hope through this Association to band together the forces in every county in the State to the common end of improving every public highway in North Carolina.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of this Association the policy to be pursued was carefully gone over, and we realize that the first important step is to raise a small fund for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses in the prosecution of our work. The officers of the Association are, of course, giving their time and efforts freely, but in the necessary correspondence and distribution of literature there are some small items which must be paid for in the way of stationery, postage, printing, etc., and in the maintaining of an office for headquarters we will be compelled to make occasional small cash expenditures.

As yet our plans are not fully matured, and in this preliminary state we hope to have the co-operation of every county in the State that wants to improve its public roads and join the procession of industrial, agricultural and commercial activity now marching through this entire section. The Executive Committee believes that the various counties are going to be its most substantial supporters, and to the counties we appeal through you, the Commissioners in this matter. The movement of course is purely one of public interest and there is no provision from any source for the financial life of our Association. It is hoped, therefore that your Board of Commissioners will agree at your next meeting to appropriate the sum of ten dollars (\$10) toward a general fund for the Good Roads Association for the purpose of defraying the small incidental expenses in order that we may proceed with the work in a methodical and effective manner. The time to advance is now,

while the movement is before the people, and with concerted effort we cannot fail to accomplish a wonderful work for the upbuilding of the State. At the forthcoming session of the legislature, through the efforts of this Association, we shall hope to be in shape to present a practical and desirable Road Law which will benefit every township in every county in North Carolina in the matter of public roads.

I hope your Board will favorably consider this matter at its next meeting; any delay means an abatement of interest which will detract from the success of the undertaking. The money may be sent to our treasurer, Mr. Joseph G. Brown, the president of the Citizens' National Bank, at Raleigh, N. C., who will be the custodian of the Association, and who will give you the Association's receipt for your remittance.

Address Prof. J. A. Holmes, Chapel Hill, N. C., who is the secretary of the Association, and with whom all correspondence relating to these matters should be conducted.

Yours very truly,
P. H. HANES, Pres.

SENSATIONAL TURN.

Jones Confesses That He Killed Rice as Patrick Directed.

The great Rice murder trial in New York took a sensational turn Thursday when Chas. F. Jones confessed that he had killed the old millionaire with chloroform at the instigation of Lawyer Albert T. Patrick. Jones went along with a straight sounding story and if his evidence can't be shaken to pieces Patrick and Jones will doubtless be convicted of murder.

Carriage Factory Wrecked.

Valdosta, Ga., Feb. 20.—During a terrific wind storm here this morning, the carriage factory of the Robert-Cranford-Dasher Company was wrecked. The building fell 15 minutes before the employes were due to begin their day's work. The loss to the company is \$10,000. No further damage than shade trees and fences destroyed has been reported.

Pythian Notice.

Concord Lodge No. 51, K. of P., will meet this evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting brethren cordially welcomed. Work in third rank. Full attendance urged.

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UNKNOWN MAN KILLED ON C. & N. W.

He Was Caught on Smyre's Trestle, After a Desperate Attempt to Escape.

Newton, Feb. 20.—An unknown white man was instantly killed late this afternoon by a freight train on the Carolina & Northwestern Railroad on Smyre's trestle, two miles from here. The only paper found on his person was a letter from D. T. McKeithan, of the Bridgers & McKeithan Lumber Company, of Lumber, S. C., telling him to come and take a job. The name of the dead man was cut out of the letter by the wheels. When he saw the train approaching him on the trestle the unfortunate man made a desperate effort to reach the end of the trestle and seeing that he could not do so he threw himself squarely under the approaching train which was literally ground to pieces.

An inquest was held to-night and a verdict in accordance with these facts rendered. It is seldom a death occurs on this road and it is coincidence that this accident occurred at the same point where, eleven years ago this month, seven people met their death in a wreck. The dead man was about 25 years of age, medium size and height and black hair.

Editor's Reward Not Here.

The preacher looks after a man's creed, the doctor after his aches, the tailor after his back, the grocer after his stomach; the banker his pocket book, and the politician his vote, but the newspaper man must tell him how to vote, how to invest his money, what to eat and wear, how to cure his aches, tell him what the law is and what it ought to be, regulate matters that do not go right, bless out every body and everything that other people want blessed out, puff and praise everything that there is money in to some one else; live on promises, clothe and feed himself on "call again," and even be the guide board to point to him the road to success and happiness, and then, be cussed out and frowned upon because, forsooth one item in his paper does not suit the taste of an over-sensitive nature. So the world wags. Verily, brethren, the editor will have his reward in the end.—Selected.

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