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A Good Road Under Discussion.

A number of prominent citizens of the county are discussing the question of a good road from Danbury to Walnut Cove. Let nobody become excited, but the question of a bond issue is even being talked. It is said that the road from here to the junction of the N. & W. and the Southern railways is traveled more than any other thoroughfare in the county, being used by the people north of here as well as many east and west of us, being a kind of artery for millions of traffic to the markets of Walnut Cove, Winston and other places. To build a modern turnpike over this route would be to confer an immense benefit on a large proportion of the citizens of the county. The style of road proposed is either macadam or sand clay. Present generations would not wish to be taxed directly with the expense of building such a road, and so it is argued that a 40-year bond issue would be the thing, allowing future generations to pay the principal, while we pay the interest. Fifty thousand would do the job, and the bonds could be floated at 5 per cent, leaving us \$2,500 per year to pay in interest. This amount distributed over a special tax district four or five miles wide extending from Danbury south to the railroads, would not be a hardship on the people, when the immense advantages of the road were considered. It is reasonably estimated that in five years the addition of new industries, and the enhancement of property values within the road district, would immensely lighten the tax, while the road would be a pleasure and a joy forever. The relative merits of macadam and sand-clay are also debated. While macadam makes the ideal road, it is expensive. A sand-clay road is easily built, the biggest trouble being the grading. Prof. J. Hyde Pratt, the State Geologist and good roads chief, says the sand-clay road can be built at a cost of \$800 per mile, and that it gives excellent service. Prof. Pratt says this kind of road is better adapted to this section of North Carolina than macadam, owing to the fact that we have the materials easily at hand. Whatever style of road may be best, let us agree upon. And let us build a road that will be a credit to our county, and which will be of permanent use and benefit to our people.

A Unique Law-Suit In the Mountain.

The law is sometimes a mighty "sarching" thing. A few days before Christmas Mr. C. H. Lunsford shot a dog that had invaded the precincts of his sheep pasture, and he was at the trial found guilty and fined some \$2.50 and the costs. Ordinarily a sheep-killing dog is an outlaw. Mr. Lunsford has several hundred acres on the west end of the mountain fenced in, and recently lost a large number of sheep from his flock, attributing the trouble to dogs. One day receiving information that a fox race had led to his pasture, and that a number of the pack were inside the enclosure, Mr. Lunsford took his gun and fired on the first dog he met in the enclosure. The shot felled the animal, but it did not die, unknown to Mr. Lunsford, who went on hunting for more dogs. Later he learned the shot dog was not dead, went back and finished it with another load. Mr. Lunsford's negligence in failing to ascertain the effect of the first shot, cost him the suit. The astute owner of the dog, Joe Bob Jones, brought his action on the ground of cruelty to animals, and won. The case attracted a good deal of attention, and the trial was attended by a large crowd.

No Place Like Home.

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Live Wire of Quaker Gap.

The President of the County Farmers' Union, Mr. R. L. Nunn, has promised to write some articles for the Reporter of interest to our Union readers. It is said that Stokes is the banner Union county in the United States, having a membership as large or larger than her voting population. Among this band of enthusiastic farmers there is none fuller of Union principles, or more earnest for the good of the farmers, than this Westfield boy who has been honored with the gavel.

Tillers of the Soil to Feast.

The Danbury local Farmers' Union will tender an oyster supper to its members at the Taylor hotel next Saturday night at 6:30. A full attendance is desired. These social features are most valuable adjuncts of the Union in the county, and will afford it a tendency to grow and prosper. Some speeches will be made and some toasts proposed and responded to, etc. It is regretted that the Union has no honorary members, etc., etc.

Last Friday was old Christmas. Some of the best people we have still feel a hankering to celebrate this time-honored festival. There is a superstition in some parts of the mountain that on the night preceding Old Christmas dead bees buzz in the honey-stands, cattle get down on their knees and moan as if in sorrow, while graves yawn and ghosts and witches pay visits around the neighborhood.

Sheriff C. M. Jones is out in another strenuous call for the 1910 taxes, which were due last September, but which are yet less than one-tenth paid. This delinquency of the tax-payers is a needless hardship and expense on the Sheriff. The taxes must be paid. Why not pay them without so much cussing.

It is now claimed and proved by experience and facts that corn can be grown at a cost of 25 cents per bushel. Then let the farmers ponder on this query: "Is it wiser to raise tobacco at a loss than corn at a profit?"

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