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TOLL ROAD TO BE BUILT

Fine Macadam or Sand Clay Turnpike From Walnut Cove Into the Heart of Stokes County--Mass Meeting to Be Held At Walnut Cove.

There is a movement on foot, and now assuming practical shape, to tap the heart of Stokes county with a fine macadam or sand-clay road, to be in operation within six or eight months. The promoters and backers of the road include some of the leading public spirited men of Stokes county, as well as a number of wealthy citizens of adjoining counties and cities.

The proposed road will be a toll line leading from Walnut Cove to the lower edge of Peter's Creek township, piercing the county more than half way. It will be built by a stock company chartered under the laws of the State, and will do a legitimate business, erect toll gates at every convenient point on the line, charging reasonable fees for transportation of all kinds.

The exact route of the toll road has not yet been definitely determined, and will depend on the availability of right of way, etc. The company which undertakes the building of this road, which will mean so much for Stokes county, will ask that the right of way wherever most practicable may be tendered without charge from the people, as wherever the road runs it will mean the increasing of the adjacent property values from a hundred to a thousand per cent., and it is expected that all citizens, realizing the great need of the avenue of commerce, will appreciate the benefits to be derived, and will encourage and co-operate with the company. The Reporter recalls a few years ago when the right of way for a proposed railway in a certain section of the county was given so grudgingly by the citizens, and some of them showed such a disposition to exact excessive charges, that the road was abandoned by the promoters. Let no man in Stokes county ever throw a stumbling block in the way of the advance of progress. A thousand times better pay the road to come your way. There are men in Stokes county who will give one-half of their farms for a good road by it.

The toll road is a great success wherever tried. There are several of them in Virginia, many in the north, one now building from Blowing Rock to Linville, N. C., one now building from Danville, Va., to Caswell, N. C., county-seat. They are paying investments for the stockholders, while they are of incalculable advantage to the community traversed. They are of really more advantage than a railroad in these days of automobiles and traction engines. Immediately after the building of this road you will see a marked impetus given to business of all kinds in the county. Hundreds and thousands of visitors will spend many months in the car with us, and the farmers over a wide area of the county will find a first-class market at their very door for produce of all kinds at the very highest prices. It will mean of vastly more importance to the farmers than the tobacco crop.

Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, the State Geologist of Chapel Hill, will himself go over the proposed line and offer the expert knowledge and experience in the laying out of the route, while it will be surveyed by a competent civil engineer, who

will so design the way that not more than a two or three per cent. grade may occur anywhere. The cost of the road will be from \$40,000 to \$50,000, and it will be a modern turnpike in every respect on which an automobile may reach Danbury from Winston, Charlotte, Greensboro, Danville, Durham, High Point or anywhere at a speed of 40 miles an hour. Two horses can easily pull 5,000 pounds, while the road will never get muddy. It will be an outlet for our tobacco and lumber, our rock and produce of all kinds, and an inlet to the investment, the capital and the wealth of the outside world.

Let every citizen, every man, woman and child of Stokes county welcome the coming of the advance guard of prosperity. Let no person discourage it, speak ill of it; or hinder it in any way, for the good Lord knows we need it, when our citizens are every day giving up in discouragement over the adverse conditions, and moving out to other counties where conditions exist which we could so easily have here. How many of our best citizens have left us in the last five years and invested the savings of a life time in Guilford county? How many of our boys have sought a living in Forsyth county during the last twenty years, and there built up fortunes and educated their children where there are schools and churches and encouragement to business of all kinds? Every neighborhood in the county feels the keen loss of farmers who have moved west or to other places, taking with them their accumulations of a life time. Every good citizen who leaves us does us an injury which may be reckoned in dollars and cents. Every life-saving that moves away from us makes us in that degree poorer. What we need is the inward trend of men and money that brings life and business and happiness, not the outward drain which paralyzes our most vital resources.

Every merchant, farmer and citizen should take stock in the road, showing his welcome and encouragement to the enterprise. It means great things for our county, and its coming will benefit every person in the county. The mere expenditure of \$50,000 in the county will be a big thing. Hundreds of hands and teams will be employed. After the road is built, regular employment will be given to a number of officials, toll gate keepers, etc., while the up-keep of the road will also mean the expenditure of a considerable sum yearly. The road will be kept at all times in first-class condition, and traffic over it will grow daily. The charges will be so regulated that no person can afford not to use it. For instance, say an interior merchant has 2,000 pounds of goods in the depot. He can have them brought up in less than half the time, and at five times less cost, and not hurt his team, rather than drag them in over the rocks, holes and through the mud. Would it not pay him to spend 50 cents toll in this case? A regular automobile car will make two or three daily round trips, carrying passengers, mail, express, etc., quickly and cheaply. Transportation creates trade, and the traffic on the line is

V. G. LAWSON HURT.

A Foul Ball Smashes His Nose--He Was Watching the Game Between King and Pink Grove.

Mr. V. G. Lawson, of Asbury, while watching the ball game between King and Pink Grove here Saturday, was hit and severely hurt by a foul ball, which entirely smashed the bridge of his nose. The hurt was extremely painful, and Mr. Lawson had the sympathy of the big crowd who saw him hit. Dr. R. H. Morefield, who was present, dressed the wound, which will probably disfigure Mr. Lawson for life.

How to Cure Peavine Hay.

Some time since one of our correspondents said in The Progressive Farmer that he had used my plan for curing cowpea hay with success, and right away I was flooded with a host of inquiries. Now, I have in times past published my method many times, but it seems that there are many who have not read it. Begin mowing when the pods are maturing, but not dry. Cut in the morning till noon only. Put a tedder right after the mowers to keep the hay tossed up so as to facilitate the wilting. That afternoon take it into windrows. Next morning turn the windrows, and that afternoon put the hay into cocks as tall and narrow as will stand well. How long it shall remain in cocks depends on the weather and the state of the growth. But as soon as you can take a bunch in hand and give it a hard twist, and can see no sap run to the twist, put it in the barn while the leaves are still limp. Do not pick nor tramp it in the mow, but let it settle naturally, and then let it alone, and it will cure all right. If it heats slightly in the barn, do not go to turning it to cool it, for if you do you will have moldy hay, as the air will bring in the germs of mold. Peavines are easily cured if you will simply let them cure and do not go to monkeying with stakes or scaffolds to spoil the hay by drying up the leaves and losing them. I have cured the hay in the above way for many years, and have always had good hay instead of the sticks usually seen without any leaves.--Progressive Farmer.

If you should undertake to pick tobacco worms off one by one, in some sections your neighbors would laugh at you and wonder if you knew that Lee had surrendered. Get an Acme machine and you will wonder why you never thought of it before. You can not afford to hire a man to pick tobacco worms when you can do it for less than his board. Price \$1.90. For further information address ACME DISTRIBUTING CO., Reidsville, N. C.

Mr. Knight, of Leaksville, spent Monday night in town.

bound to make it a handsomely paying investment for the stockholders, to say nothing of the immediate and direct benefits to the county which will be tapped. A mass meeting will be held at Walnut Cove very soon at which tentative plans will be adopted, organization effected and the start made.

The Reporter will give full particulars in due time. The automobile feature of the road makes it a big thing. There are thousands of machine owners in Greensboro, Winston, Charlotte, High Point, Salisbury, and other places who invariably follow the good roads. The automobile has come to stay, and it is the greatest developer of the rural districts since the advent of the steam railways. The quickness, the pleasure, the general facility of travel by the automobile brings our summer resorts close to the homes of a hundred thousand citizens of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia who will with pleasure to themselves, and profit to us, visit us yearly if we bid for them. And our winning stroke for the patronage of the people who have money and don't mind spending it, is the building of the gateway to our cool mountains and our fine mineral waters.

D. P. TATE IN TOILS

MINISTER UNDER ARREST

Formerly Pastor At Madison-- Later Sold Tombstones and Monuments.

Danville Va., Aug. 5.--Chief of Police J. R. Bell left last night for Tennessee to bring back to Danville the Rev. D. P. Tate, who, while masquerading in this city as a Methodist minister and while engaged in the real estate and insurance business, swindled people here out of thousands of dollars. Tate was arrested last Saturday at Knoxville, Tenn., and is being held by the police authorities at that place pending the arrival of an officer from this city with requisition.

There has been a delay of several days in getting the application for requisition before the chief executive of Virginia owing to the absence of the commonwealth's attorney from the city. The Knoxville police have been notified several times to hold Tate and no trouble is anticipated as to result of the delay in securing the requisition papers.

The former preacher anticipated prosecution before the arrest was made. Several weeks before the fleeing clergyman was located and placed under arrest, former Judge Shaw, of Greensboro, came to Danville in the interest of Tate. He examined the warrants against his client and secured other information about the case. It is rumored that another prominent lawyer of this city will be associated with Judge Shaw in the case. The latter was in the city again this week gathering infor-

mation that he hopes to be of benefit to Tate.

No new warrants have yet been issued against Tate, though it is thought that additional charges will be preferred when the case is called for trial. The most pathetic phase of Tate's skyrocket financing is the fact that many of his victims are poor people from whom he secured all of their saving. In fact, this class of people constitutes the majority of citizens whom he duped into advancing him money under one pretext or another. It was his method of approaching these people of humble circumstances that has aroused public sentiment so strongly against Tate. Garbed in the livery of heaven, he took advantage of his position as a Methodist minister to ingratiate himself into confidences of poor people. He induced many of his victims to attend the several churches with which he was prominently connected while here, and after he had impressed his followers with the pety and and godliness he assumed, called on them for advance of money or volunteered to invest their saving in enterprises that paid large dividends. Many of his transactions, while conceived and executed in bad faith, are not criminal. The police have, it is alleged, many cases against Tate that are both morally and criminally wrong.

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KILL BY THE TRAIN.

Thomas S. Sharp Loses His Life Rural Hall.

Losing footing on the step of a freight car, while beginning to climb the iron ladder at the car end Thomas Settle Sharp, a popular and well known young man of Greensboro Thursday afternoon at about 3 o'clock at Rural Hall in Forsyth county, fell across the railway tracks under the heavy wheels of the train on which he was working and was so terribly crushed and mangled in a sickening grind of the wheels that he died one hour later at Winston in the Twin City hospital. Both legs and one of his arms were cut off, and injuries to the rest of his body that were in themselves of almost fatal consequence, were received. Although it were known by the trainmen who picked him up that he could hardly live but a few minutes, he was rushed to the hospital, where, perchance, his suffering might be alleviated and his wounds made easier to bear.

Young Sharp was running between Winston and Wilkesboro on a local freight train, and was on the return trip to Winston when his death occurred. He had just finished coupling cars and was climbing onto the step when a sudden movement of the train overbalanced him and caused him to fall under the wheels where he was crushed before the train could be stopped.

A well known Des Moines woman after suffering miserably for two days from bowel complaints, was cured by one dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by all Dealers.

SEEN FROM THE OUTSIDE.

A recent outing in Stokes county brought home to one of The Weekly staff the great need of that county, good roads. Stokes is rich in natural resources, being a fine agricultural county, with minerals, water-powers, mineral springs, charming mountain scenery, etc., thrown in for good measure. If she had macadam roads she would soon become one of the wealthiest counties in the piedmont section. Many of her citizens are awake to this fact. A large land owner remarked in the writer's presence a few weeks ago that he would cheerfully consent to the doubling of his taxes if the increased revenue were applied to building good roads in Stokes county. When representative citizens begin to talk this way it means something.--Webster's Weekly, of Reidsville, N. C.

