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PUBLIC ROADS AGAIN.

The GOLD LEAF is publishing this week a communication from its esteemed friend Capt. John Sharp, who says the times, circumstances, and conditions of matters pertaining to the welfare of Vance county call for the selection of an entire new Board of County Commissioners. In a personal note accompanying his communication, Capt. Sharp says also: "I would like to see a Board to consist of young, active business men who would get on their horses and ride over the county and see how very 'unprogressive' are the parties charge of road working. Williamsboro township and Townsville roads have not been worked by any one for at least 3 years. I wish the County Commissioners would come over and see and not invite ridicule on their supineness by having some one to puff them in the papers."

Between Capt. Sharp and myself there is no quarrel—if there is any difference of opinion. We have the welfare of Vance county as much at heart as he or any other citizen of the county. But in justice to myself as well as others we must take some notice of what he wrote. The editor of the GOLD LEAF says the article about public road work in last week's paper. He did it of his own motion, without intimation or suggestion from the County Commissioners, or any individual member of the Board, and if ridicule has been invited on their supineness by the article in question we alone are responsible. And we want to say further that when the editor of this paper is the writer, neither the County Commissioners nor as good a man as Capt. Sharp himself could be guilty of "having some one to puff them in the papers" if we did not feel and believe the truth and rightness of what we say in dealing with public questions.

We went out on some roads which have been recently worked and saw for myself. We wrote about the work as it impressed us, even saying they had been "wonderfully improved," extravagantly as that may seem to certain folks, and for what we said we have neither retraction nor apologies to make.

True, we rode with Chairman Amos and referred appreciatively to his interest and efforts in behalf of securing good roads and we have no want to go to the expense of hiring a team. Having previously expressed a desire to see what they were doing, when talking about the road work, both Mr. Amos and Mr. Swain signified a willingness to take us any time it suited our convenience. When we got ready to go we called on Mr. Amos to make good his promise—and he did. He would have suspected that we would "put it in the paper," but he is exonerated from the accusation of "having some one to puff them in the papers."

But, as we said at the outset, between Capt. Sharp and myself there is no quarrel—and "thar aint."

A Good Complexion.
A good complexion is impossible with the stomach out of order. If you will allow people would pay more attention to their stomachs and less to their skin on their faces, they would have better complexions. KODOL for dyspepsia will digest what you eat and put your stomach back in the right shape to do its own work. KODOL relieves palpitation of the heart, flatulence, sour stomach, heartburn, etc. Sold at Parker's Two Drug Stores.

Cobalt in North Carolina.
Thomas A. Edison, the renowned inventor, is at Lincolnton with a party of friends and makes the interesting announcement that, after a search of two years by a number of prospectors working for him in the mountain counties of North Carolina the rare metal cobalt, with which he will be able to rebate the weight of his new battery 50 per cent., has been found and he is much encouraged. Cobalt heretofore has only been found in Germany and what little Edison has used has been imported. It has lately been found in the following North Carolina counties: Mitchell, Wake, Jackson, Clay, Catawba, Lincoln and Gaston. Mr. Edison declares cobalt will revolutionize automobilizing by reducing the weight of his storage battery 50 per cent.

Was Wasting Away.
"I had been troubled with kidney disease for the last five years," writes Robert R. Watts, of Salem, Mo. "I lost flesh and never felt well and doctored with leading physicians and tried all remedies suggested without relief. Finally I tried Foley's Kidney Cure and less than two bottles completely cured me and I am sound and well." During the summer kidney irregularities are often caused by excessive drinking or being overheated. Attend to the kidneys at once by using Foley's Kidney Cure. Melville Dorsey.

If South Carolina's historian has no faith in the Mecklenburg declaration he must believe in Charlotte's ability to celebrate it.—Wilmington Messenger.

Fortunate Missourians.
"When I was a druggist, at Livonia, Mo.," writes T. J. Dwyer, now of Graysville, Mo., "three of my customers were permanently cured of consumption by Dr. King's New Discovery, and are well and strong today. One was trying to sell his property and move to Arizona, but after using New Discovery a short time he found it unnecessary to do so. I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as the most wonderful medicine in existence." Surest cough and cold cure and throat and lung healer. Guaranteed by Melville Dorsey, druggist. 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free.

Gigantic Enterprise.

Company Formed to Construct Immense Power Plant at Eagle Falls, on Roanoke River, to Furnish Electrical Current to Raleigh, Durham, Oxford and Henderson—\$5,000,000 Capital Involved.

Raleigh News and Observer, 29th.

Mr. R. W. Lassiter, president of the First National Bank of Oxford, is in Raleigh in company with Mr. O. T. Smith, of the Westinghouse Electric Company, of New York, in connection with a proposed introduction of electrical power into the city from the plant of an immense corporation organized at Richmond last Saturday to develop the water power at Eagle Falls, on the Roanoke River, just across the North Carolina line in Virginia.

The corporation, the organizers of which are Messrs. Henry G. Murray, of Baltimore, Paul T. Brady, financial manager of the Westinghouse Electric Company, of New York, Henry A. Root, a New York capitalist, Oliver Todd Smith, of the electrical department of the Westinghouse Company, and Mr. R. W. Lassiter, will have a capital of \$5,000,000 and propose to erect a plant which will have a steady capacity of production of 20,000 horse-power with the ability at certain times of producing possibly as much as 50,000 horse-power. Preliminary to the construction of the electrical plant proper there will be erected across the Roanoke river an immense dam, the construction of which alone will involve the expenditure of two million dollars. Mr. Lassiter says that the construction work to be immediately undertaken by the company will mean the investment of at least three million dollars.

The purpose of the visit of Messrs. Lassiter and Smith is to investigate the possibilities of placing the power of the company in the cities of Raleigh, Durham, Oxford and Henderson. If these four cities can take the power to be produced the lines of the company will be run into North Carolina; if not, into Norfolk where there is ample assurance that all the power which it can furnish will be taken. By coming to North Carolina, Mr. Lassiter explained that the cost of wiring will be reduced one half, since the distance on the circuit to the North Carolina points is sixty and that to Norfolk one hundred and twenty miles.

Mr. Lassiter, who arrived yesterday, stated in conversation with a News and Observer representative that he had every reason to hope and believe that the company would secure sufficient assurances of contracts to justify the sending of its power into North Carolina. The great Durham factories, the Raleigh cotton mills and the street car systems of both cities, as well as the manufacturing plants of Henderson and Oxford are expected ultimately to become consumers of the new company as well as members of smaller enterprises in all of the towns mentioned.

Mr. Smith who arrived on an early train this morning, and Mr. Lassiter will spend a large part of today in meeting representative manufacturing men and others in Raleigh, who are interested in the power question, and form and adequate supply of electrical power such as that proposed to be furnished are manifold and of a sort to make for an increased prosperity in the manufacturing and other enterprises now dependent on coal as a means of power.

For bleeding, belching, indigestion, etc., eat a King's Dyspepsia Tablet after meals. Sold by the Corner-McNair Drug Company.

King's Daughters and Sons.

Seventeenth Annual State Convention Held in Chapel Hill—Officers Elected for the Ensuing Year.

The seventeenth annual State convention of the North Carolina Branch of the King's Daughters and Sons was held at Chapel Hill, May 16th, 17th and 18th. From both a business and a social standpoint, the convention was one of the most delightful, comprehensive and satisfactory ones ever held. There were quite a goodly number of delegates, twenty-two Circles being represented from different sections of the State. One of the special features of the meeting was a heart to heart talk made every day at noon, by Mrs. Margaret Bottom, of New York, the president and founder of the order. The subject of her talk on Wednesday was, "Mary Sat at Jesus' Feet"; Thursday, "And There We Saw the King"; and Friday evening, "And I Will Be Your Guide." On Wednesday, at 3:30 o'clock Miss Libby, Mrs. Bottom's secretary, gave a beautiful talk, the subject of which was: "She Hath Done What She Could." The music at the services, which were held in the Presbyterian church, was very pretty and appropriate. Judge James MacRae delivered an address on "The Charities of the Country," on Wednesday evening. The report from the Hospital Circle of Winston was received with much enthusiasm, and as shown in the reports the work there compared very favorably with the reports of other Circles throughout the State. After the convention adjourned, Mrs. Klutz entertained the delegates and other members of the convention at a beautiful reception, at which the music was furnished by the University orchestra. The central council of "King's Daughters and Sons" have always held their annual meeting in New York and was composed of only ten members. Now each State has a representative. Mrs. Burgwyn was elected State delegate to the convention which was held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at Wheeling, West Virginia.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:
Secretary—Mrs. W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Weldon.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. H. Bridges, of Henderson.
Recording Secretary—Miss Shaw, of Rockingham.
Assistant recording secretary—Miss Legrand, of Rockingham.
Executive Committee—Mrs. W. H. S. Burgwyn, Weldon; Mrs. J. H. Bridges, Henderson; Miss Shaw, Rockingham; Mrs. Coggeshall, Henderson; Mrs. Dixon, Raleigh; Mrs. Gould, Salisbury; Mrs. E. Van B. Sands, Wilmington; Miss Alice G. Wilson, Chapel Hill.

Changes Demanded.

"The Times, Circumstances and Conditions of Matters Pertaining to the Welfare of Vance County Call for the Selection of an Entire New Board of County Commissioners," Says Capt. Sharp.

EDITOR GOLD LEAF: The times, circumstances, and conditions of matters pertaining to the welfare of Vance county call for the selection of an entire new Board of County Commissioners. If they are too thoroughly entrenched at present to be overthrown in the approaching election, then we are only a little ahead of the times, but a step has been taken in the right direction and their departure from office will only be deferred until a more convenient season, when the voters of the county can have time to look thoroughly into the matter. The sooner our people recognize the fact that the office of County Commissioners should be filled by young, progressive business men, the sooner will this county take its place among the most thrifty counties in North Carolina.

It is largely due to the progressive spirit of the young men of Henderson that that town has improved her thoroughfares. Let them try their hands on the county's thoroughfares. A young man in the country if entrusted with the power to act will be just as active in the interest of the affairs of the county as were the young men of Henderson. If the young men are magistrates—why not elect them commissioners?

Care should be taken in selecting the successors to the present Board of County Commissioners to see that the persons chosen are not dominated by any one man power, in Henderson or out of it. Place this trust in the hands of active men, men who can tour the county and take in its needs, men who, while discharging their duty peaceably and conscientiously and while giving an ear to suggestions, may calmly act on their own judgment, disregarding the enemies they may make or the importunities of self-interest and a desire to gain popularity. Duties well performed in the Board of County Commissioners will entitle that member or those members to honors higher up. And he will deserve and should receive the highest commendation from his fellow citizens who will make the highways smooth and agreeable that neighbors can meet together, that children may have easy journeys to the school house; that our churches may be well filled on Sunday; that the life of our vehicles and the lives of our animals may be prolonged. Such a consummation is devoutly to be wished. Judging a tree by its fruit, looking over the past what can we expect from the present Board?

We are led to these reflections by reading in your last issue a very nice letter from a correspondent who has I sincerely think troubled himself to visit this end of the county. It is possible that being an enthusiastic admirer of the Board and the Chairman in particular he has heard the matter of disapprobation at the action of the present Board and has been expecting an open attack upon them as officials only. A voter has a perfect right to criticize an official. If his criticism is unjust he will do the author of the criticism greater injury than the capable and serviceable official whose action has been assailed. It happens that these officials have been called to account by a body of men, whose report to the court appears also in your last issue alongside with the article highly commending the present Board. This is an official report from the highest officials of any county, State or of the United States. What official in this entire country is superior to

a Grand Juror? The Grand Jury at the last term of court gave much space to a discussion of the condition of the county roads, closing with these words to the court: "We recommend to the County Commissioners that they pay more attention to the county roads." That was putting their dereliction of duty very mildly.

Let him who disputes this assertion of mine before replying to me, I say let him go to Parham's bridge and see for himself the utter incapacity of a Board who planned, accepted and paid for an inaccessible and utterly useless approach to Parham's bridge. Let him pursue his journey thence to Williamsboro, thence over almost impassable roads to Townsville—none of which have been worked for from two to three years. To know this section is not represented on the Board. And I am very curious to know if the roads leading to the country homes of the present members of the Board have been so thoroughly ignored from two to three years.

I am attacking no man or set of men; we need better roads, the money is in the bank to improve them even to a limited extent, yet all this dry season the roads mentioned above were execrable. You may guess what they were in the winter. Now to have the affairs of the county better understood, it's my judgment that we should have a new deal and an entire new Board.

I would not knowingly do or say anything that would needlessly offend any one of God's creatures, it matters not how humble or high his position. But if in these strenuous times an official, if mentioned above were execrable, it is implied reprimand for dereliction of duty, the usefulness of that official is ended and he should make way for a better man. I repeat the matter must be energetic, intelligent, discreet and just to all sections of the county. If after being tried he does not measure up to the requirements there are others who should have a trial and when the right official has been found hold fast to him. My own business requirements are too exacting to admit of my going among the people to impress my views upon them. I have given a plain statement which can only be verified by personal observation. If the county decides itself to continue in office the present Board, I will bow with meek submission to their decision, trusting that at no distant date the voters may be brought to view this matter from my standpoint.

JOHN H. SHARP.

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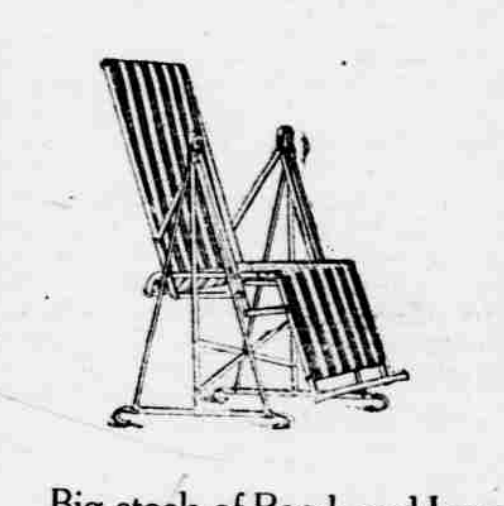
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NOTICE. To Justices of the Peace of Vance County.

AS PROVIDED BY SECTIONS 507 AND 716 of the Code of North Carolina, which Sections were re-enacted by act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, passed in 1895 (see Chapter 28, Public Laws 1895) the Justices of the Peace of Vance county are hereby called to meet with the Board of County Commissioners, in session, on the

First Monday in June, 1906, for the purpose of levying the taxes for the year 1906, and the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before a joint meeting. A Board of County Commissioners will also be elected on said day. This, the 7th day of May, 1906.

JAMES AMOS, Chairman Board of Commissioners, Clerk to the Board.

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