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### ANNOUNCEMENT.

Correspondents and friends anywhere in the county are requested to call us up at our expense when news of importance occurs on Monday evening or Thursday evening.

A subscriber who wishes his paper changed, will please give his present address as well as the new one.

Advertising rates will be furnished on application. The News is going to the people. If you want to reach the folks advertise in the News.

Our columns are open to correspondents and others to discuss public men and public policies. All communications must be accompanied by the true name of the writer, even if this does not appear in print.

The editor reserves the right to give the names of correspondents when they are demanded for the purpose of personal satisfaction.

FRIDAY, JULY 26, 1907.

A LAW suit is the thief of time and money.

A STRICH in time may close the mouths of nine gossips.

TRIFLET and stinginess are as similar as they are different.

MANY a bad man has been cowed by the milk of human kindness.

EVEN if you gain but an inch, you haven't put your first foot forward in vain.

WE are printing in this issue both sides of the now famous Railroad Rate Controversy as outlined by Mr. Finley, President of the Southern Railway, and by Governor Glenn, of this State. An intensely interesting situation has developed and the people of this State will watch anxiously for the final result of the clash between the State and Federal authorities. Assistant Attorney General Sanford is in Asheville advising with Judge Pritchard and is assumed that Judge Pritchard is proceeding upon a course which is being backed up by the authorities at Washington. It is intimated in the late press dispatches that Judge Pritchard is making "peace overtures" to Governor Glenn, and that if the Governor declines to accept the compromise offered that subsequent proceedings will be directed from the seat of the Federal Government in Washington.

### SWEET LIBERTY.

WE have before us the 1st number of The Courier, published and edited by Mr. G. W. Rollins at Forest City. In his announcement Mr. Rollins says:

"A friend of ours once remarked that he was a republican, but not a fool republican. The leopard cannot change his spots; our politics have always been of the democratic variety and we shall not attempt to climb up on the fence just at this time. It is our intention to conduct a strictly non-partisan paper, devoting our labor to entirely different fields.

"Our motto is, provided it is not copyrighted, 'To Every Man a Square Deal.' Our watchword is Progress. And our aim is To Please."

It is quite refreshing to pick up a country paper which is not loaded down to the guards with local politics and bitter partisan utterances. It is a significant fact that so many of the country newspapers of the South are declaring themselves independent and this is a most important step forward for country journalism.

The time is fast drawing to a close when the local newspaper is to be under the thumb and domination of a little coterie of demagogue politicians who use the lash of their little ring to hold the editor in line. Throwing him a sop in the way of job work now and then when he "is good" and threatening the withdrawal of their patronage when he refuses to reflect their views, these demagogue politicians have been throttling the country press in nearly every town and hamlet in the South. It is indeed refreshing, encouraging and

inspiring to see the country editor throw off this yoke and declare his independence.

We welcome brother Rollins to the field of Independent Country Journalism, and, as poor old Rip Van Winkle says, "May he live long and prosper." There is no greater power for good in any community than the local press, if properly conducted. The trouble with most country editors is that they are so darned poor that they dare not alienate this or that influence for fear of being run clear out of existence. The patronage they get in the way of advertising, job work and subscriptions, taken altogether, is so meagre that the loss of one patron sometimes means bankruptcy for the editor.

There are politicians in every county and community who will work the poor editor overtime if he will allow himself to be ridden by them. Once in office, they dish out the patronage, and it usually goes to the editor who has "boosted" them in. Hence, many a country editor is forced to please the politicians rather than his subscribers. He either overlooks, or else is not in a position to take advantage of the fact that a newspaper's real strength lies in its subscription list. With a large circulation any paper can secure sufficient advertising to keep it going. So, if the citizens of a community could only be brought to realize that in giving their liberal support to their local paper they are enabling their editor to maintain his independence from self-seeking politicians they will more than get their money back through the "freedom of the press."

### Zion News.

WE are experiencing some of the hottest weather we have had this summer.

The refreshing showers and the warm sunshine have made a considerable outcome in the cotton and corn of this section.

The grain crops of this community have all been threshed. They were all very good, nearly everybody made enough for home consumption; some made enough to spare to the outside world. We should all be thankful for such prosperity that is girdling our land and country.

The protracted meeting will begin at Zion the second Sunday in August.

It has been announced that the cemetery at Zion will be cleaned off on Friday before the second Sunday in August; if there should be inclement weather come Saturday. All who have relatives resting there are invited to come and participate in the cleansing. We are to meet at eight o'clock in the morning and bring such implements as are necessary for such work.

The writer had the opportunity of attending the re-union at Bethlehem Saturday. The way the people had assembled there from the various townships of the county showed that we are a respectful people of such occasions. Quite a number of our Confederate soldiers were present enjoying the good things of the day. According to nature they will soon be compelled to change worlds and we hope to meet them in the better world where there will be one continuous throng in a mansion whose maker and builder is God.

Misses Florence and Gracie Leonard spent Saturday night with Mr. Jacob Saine.

Miss Effie Houser spent Saturday night and Sunday with her friends, Misses Anna and Sallie Baxter.

Mr. Dayton Hoover and his sister spent Saturday night and Sunday with their uncle, Mr. P. B. Bess.

Mr. J. E. B. Houser and his sister visited their uncle, Mr. Wm. Leonhardt Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. Houser's sister, Mrs. Fannie Bess.

Rev. E. H. Kohn, of Cherryville, will preach at Bethpage Sunday.

STRAY BOY.

### Alpha's Reply to Mr. Beam.

Miss Ethel Robinson is teaching a summer school at Elbow school-house.

Mr. Joe Robinson has recently had his dwelling house painted. Mr. Sam Cornwell, of Lincolnton, did the painting, and all who have seen it, pronounce it a very neat job.

Mr. Lee Killian, and others, caught 600 cat fish in the Catawba river one day last week.

Rev. Erwin of Maiden, preached at Mountain View church last Sunday.

A horse belonging to Mr. Pick Taylor, of Maiden, was kicked by another horse at Mountain View church last Saturday, and was so badly crippled that it was thought best to kill the horse in order to relieve it of suffering.

As the good old brother once said in a church meeting, "I move and second the motion" that Lincoln county send a solid delegation to the next Democratic State Convention in favor of the nomination of Hon. W. A. Graham for Commissioner of Agriculture. He is in every respect competent and worthy, and we think is one of our public men who has never received his just reward by his party.

Now we wish to notice briefly some of the charges of Mr. Beam. Mr. Beam credits Alpha with being a "Christian gentleman" and in the very next breath says we do not write our own sentiments in what we say on the bond question. This is what he means—Alpha holds a county office that pays on an average not more than \$20 annually and for this reason he is afraid to speak his honest sentiments, but must do the bidding of another for fear of losing his job. His language is almost identical with that used by the lamented and famous blower of the now deceased "Lincoln County Trumpet" during the late campaign, and Mr. Beam, no doubt, borrowed his language from that famous sheet. Now Mr. Beam you know that a man who will sell his honest convictions for \$20 a year is neither a Christian nor a gentleman, but is one of the direst of hypocrites, and for the sake of decency Mr. Beam, don't ever again call such a character a "Christian gentleman." We have always given you credit for good sense, and honesty of purpose, and this much we expected of you. The readers of the News judge between us on this score.

Mr. Beam says that we slandered certain good citizens, among them Mr. Hull. We deny the charge. What we said referred to citizens who he said resided in Gaston county, and were going to move in order to avoid the Road Tax. Mr. Hull he says resides in Lincoln county and owns property in Gaston. This puts a different phase on the question so far as Mr. Hull is concerned, Mr. Hull may be a good citizen. We do not know him. All those would-be movers may be honest men, for ought we know, but Mr. Beam, because a man is honest, this does not necessarily make him an all round good citizen. The fact that Mr. Hull was able at one time to loan Lincoln county two or three thousand dollars, does not prove that he is a good citizen. You know Mr. Beam that we have men scattered all over the county that grab all they can, and hold tenaciously to all that they grab, they usually have piles of money in the bank. We have had some of them in this township and when they died their neighbors would breathe a sigh of relief, and their memories are sooner forgotten than the most abject beggar. We repeat that a man who will move from his county to avoid paying tax to improve the public roads of his county is not a good citizen. The good citizen is the man who invests his capital in some laudable enterprise, thereby giving employment to labor, and is always ready to help in any move that has for its object the betterment of those around him, and his county as a whole.

Now a few words as to the ques-

tion at issue. Can Lincoln County afford to continue in the old ruts, when both of the counties South of us have graded roads? Will not this condition detract greatly from our material progress? Lincoln county is rich in mineral resources; will not good roads be a great inducement to invite capital to develop our resources. Every mile of graded road will bring Lincolnton, the county seat, that much nearer the remotest citizen in the county; good roads will help to solve the school problems by making it possible to have larger districts; good roads will greatly aid the farmers by making it possible for them to haul their produce to market at all seasons of the year, instead of dumping it all on the market in the fall season, thereby glutting the market, and lowering prices.

We say, away with the ruinous idea, that the people of a county should take no pride in the up-building of their county seat. If the citizens of Mecklenburg had been of this stripe Charlotte would not now be the metropolis of North Carolina. The citizens of the city, and of the whole county worked in unison, and the result is that Mecklenburg county now has a national reputation for good roads and general progress. The city of course had the burden of the tax and the same conditions exist in Lincoln county. Lincolnton and Lincolnton township will have the burden of the tax in this county, and this is one strong reason why the other townships should not let this opportunity pass, for we believe Lincolnton Township will in the near future grade its roads whether the other townships join her or not.

In conclusion Mr. Editor, would it not be a good idea for the people of the county to get together in public meeting, to discuss and come to a better understanding about this question. There are those who (we speak for that part of the county east of Lincolnton) in the event that the bond issue carries, are in favor of first grading the road known as the "old plank road" to Lowesville and from thence to Denver. There are others who favor splitting the county exactly in the center, or grade the plank road to the vicinity of Machpelah, and from thence by Triangle and to the river, thence grading a branch road from near Mr. J. E. Reinhardt's to Iron Station; another from Triangle to Lowesville, and still another from Triangle to Denver. We think that if the people could get together and come to an understanding as to what roads were to be graded first it would make many votes for the measure. No doubt it would be best to have this matter settled before the election. What say the voters to this suggestion? ALPHA.

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### Lincolnton Water Analysis.

Physical Determinations: Temp. deg. C., 23; apparent color, none, equivalent to Platinum, 10, turbidity, equivalent to silica, .1; sediment, none, odor sweetish.

Chemical Determinations: Reaction, alkaline. Alkalinity, 30.; hardness permanent, 4.1; hardness temporary, 30.; hardness total, 44.9; total solids, 75.; incrustants, 4.1; iron trace; alum, 0; chlorine, 9.; phosphates, good trace; nitrogen as nitrites, 0; nitrogen as nitrates, .06; ammonia, free, .052; ammonia albuminoid, .054.

Biological Determinations: Algae, none; infusoria, none; organic detritus, none; Bacillus Coli-communis in 5 c.c., none; other Bacteria, harmless saprophytes.

Indications and remarks: Good water.

GERALD MCARTHY,  
State Biologist.

Deaconesses Eva and Mary, from St. Faith church, New York City, are stopping with Dr. Stoval, at High Shoals, where they are superintending the building of an industrial school and looking after Episcopal church work.

### From Route No. 2.

Farmers are mostly done working corn and cotton, and both crops are fairly good in this section. Wheat and oats are about all taken in and ready for threshing.

Rev. Cramer filled his appointment at Salem church last Sunday. The Lutheran Sunday School gave an ice cream and cake feast Saturday afternoon at the hospitable home of Mr. S. A. Turbyfield. The beautiful grove was made lively by old and young who were so fortunate as to be there and enjoy the kindly greeting and marked attention of this courteous family who made every one present feel at perfect ease by the kindly welcome extended to one and all. Most of us could wish the day a few hours longer for the cake was really so very nice and abundant that it was quite an effort for some to leave it. After all were satisfied, quite a quantity remained. The Sunday School is one of the most flourishing we know of and is largely attended by old and young. Mr. S. A. Turbyfield is the efficient superintendent. S. H. L.

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