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ROAD MATTER AS SEEN BY OLD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Claim made they promised Forty thousand on good Representations

ADMIT CHANGE OF ROUTE TO BERRY HILL

To the People of Rockingham County:

According to our information there has been so much discussion of the action of the board of commissioners, and the amount the board agreed to pay on the hard surface road between Gunn's store and Thomas' store via Berry, and so many reports abroad not founded upon fact, that we deem it proper to give to the people the full facts in regard thereto.

Several months ago the state highway commission adopted a road from Gunn's store to Leaksville, beginning at Gunn's store and running around on the ridge by Berry and on by Thomas' store into the town of Leaksville, going into Leaksville at what is known as Hamilton street. The contract for this road was let by the state highway commission but on account of the way the road led into the town of Leaksville, objections developed on the part of certain interest at Spray. A strong protest was made by C. R. McFiver and others representing this interest. Along with this protest argument was produced trying to induce the state highway commission to build the road so it would approach Leaksville township lower down the river, crossing the river as favored by certain interest. The representation was made to Mr. Elwood Cox, that this lower route, sometimes called the Frank Anderson route, entering into Leaksville township at the place favored by these parties could be built cheaper than it could be built by Thomas' store going into Leaksville at Hamilton street. After this protest was made to Mr. Elwood Cox, the highway commission for this district, and Mr. Page, the chairman of the said highway commission, they decided to have another and full survey of all possible routes for this road including the one favored by other parties. The state highway commission did send engineers and surveyed the Mebane, or Frank Anderson route, and also surveyed a road known as the Fowcht Hill route. Upon making this new survey, it was found that a nearer route, by nearly two miles, could be gotten between Leaksville and Gunn's store by going via what is known as the Fowcht Hill instead of going by Berry, and that the cost of building the road by Berry from Thomas' store would be possibly \$40,000.00 more than to build it via the way known as Fowcht Hill. The exact difference in cost has been found later to be \$31,600.00. The engineers, after these surveys were made, reported that the Anderson route was impracticable both from excessive cost and location. On account of this saving in the cost of building the road by the state from Leaksville to Gunn's store, Mr. Cox gave out the impression that he could not ask the state to build nearly two miles of road to connect Wentworth and Leaksville, even though the Berry route was the preferable route. On account of this intimation from Mr. Cox, much interest developed in regard to the location of the road; that is, as to whether it should go by Berry or the Fowcht Hill. The greater majority of the people taking an interest in it, were for the Berry route. More than two thousand citizens petitioned the state highway commission for the Berry route, into Leaksville at Hamilton street. No one in the county seemed to want the road to go on the Fowcht Hill route.

A few days before the state highway commission met to determine the matter, a committee from the Reidsville Commercial and Agricultural Association and several citizens Mr. Cox to try to get him to build the road by Berry rather than via the Fowcht Hill. Mr. Cox expressed his preference for the Berry route and so told this committee but on account of the difference in cost of these two routes, that unless Rockingham county would pay the difference, he would have to recommend building the road via Fowcht Hill. This committee saw Mr. Cox about two days before the highway commission met.

When on you shows all earthly toils are lifted, —
What shall we have of good, or bright, or fair?
In the vast unknown, what shall be to mortals,
What shall we gain for toil and struggle here, —
At home on earth! — Sunlit day's azure portals,
But after all, why should we do and dare?

What world is this, Sunlit, dark, strewn, mysterious! —
What life is this! with knowledge so short and small
What boots it, if we are jolly and gay, or serious,
Since birth and death are shrouded in a gale?
The friends we loved, God wot, are gone forever,
And those we love are traveling to the grave, —
On earth no more, we'll see them here, no never
So dies old ocean's roar and recedes the dashing wave!

What shall we have, do flowers bloom superual,
Or tears of earth change to diamonds wonder,
Do earth loves change for those which are eternal,
And of them shall we grow eternally fonder?
Oh! What shall we have, time flies and life is going!
Each heart-beat makes the number less!
Shall we take heed what way our boat we're rowing,
Of all the ways, we only want the best!

What shall we have for days, and nights, and years, —
What shall we have for life's sorrows, and bitter tears, —
What shall we have for childhood, youth and age —
Oh! What shall be our eternal heritage?
Mr. Rubin Gates of Chatham, Va. and Miss Nannie Brooks of Spray were married in Martinsville, Va. Sunday, December 24th.
Mr. Charley Booker and Miss Nannie Boone both of Spray were united in marriage, Sunday afternoon, December 24th.
The United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet Thursday afternoon, at 3 o'clock with Mrs. John Barksdale and Mrs. E. E. Richardson as joint hostesses at the home of Mrs. Richardson on Washington street. All the members are cordially invited to attend.

CALL FOR CONDITION OF NATIONAL BANKS DEC. 29

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The Comptroller of the currency issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business Friday December 29.

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(By H. V. Clark) When from the world all deepening gloom is lifted,
When from each heart's removed all blighting care, —
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INSURRECTION BREAKS OUT IN TURKEY OIL FIELDS
(By Associated Press) CONSTANTINOPLE Jan. 2.—Official announcement that an insurrection has broken out at Mosul in the Irak kingdom was received from Angora. The telegram said the inhabitants of the entire oil producing region were demanding annexation to Turkey.

FRANCE WOULD GIVE GERMANS TIME ON GUARANTEED
(By Associated Press) PARIS, Jan. 2.—Premier Poincare offered at the conference of Allied leaders a proposal for the reduction of German reparations to fifty billion marks, and two years moratorium, but exacts productive guarantees to insure the resumption of payments by Germans later.

HUGHES PLANS FOR NO WAR AGREEMENT OPPOSED BY FRANCE

State Department learns Informally proposed agreement not acceptable

PLANNED NO WAR FOR A GENERATION

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The State Department announced that the German proposal for an agreement under which France, Great Britain, Italy and Germany should "Solemnly agree among themselves and promise the governments of United States not to resort to war for a period of one generation without authority of a plebiscite" has not been transmitted to France formally by Hughes as informal inquiry brought out the fact that it is not acceptable to France.

Mrs. Lelia and Della Lee returned Sunday after spending the holidays at their home at Floyd, Va.

DR EDWARD CRAIGHILL DEAD

(By Associated Press) LYNCHBURG, Va. Jan. 2.—Doctor Edward Craighill, eighty two, probably the youngest surgeon in the Confederate army died at his home here after an illness of five weeks.

FALL WILL RESIGN

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Secretary of the Interior Fall, will resign March 4, it was announced at the White House. It is said his retirement is due to pressure of private business.

CHINA REUNITED REPORT FROM PEKING STATES

(By Associated Press) PEKING, Jan. 2.—An unconfirmed report says the different factions of the Canton governments settled its difficulties and that the southern party is prepared to reorganize the Peking administration as representative of a reunited China.

CLINCHFIELD OBTAINS BOND ISSUE OF NINE MILLION

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The Carolina Clinchfield and Ohio Railroad received permission from the Commerce Commission to issue nine million five hundred thousand five and a half percent gold bonds, to pay off the debt to the United States and use one million and a half for corporate purposes.

FOUR MEN KILLED AT PETROLEUM IRON WORKS

(By Associated Press) SHARON Pa. Jan. 2.—Four men were killed and five injured at the petroleum iron works at Masury, Ohio when they were caught under a six hundred ton hydraulic press. Two bodies have not been recovered.

FRANCE REJECTS NONWAR PACT GERMANS SUGGESTS

Cuno Made The Suggestion Hoping All Would Agree.
(By Associated Press) PARIS, Jan. 2.—The proposed non-aggression engagement referred Cuno Chancellor, was suggested by to in the Hamburg speech of Wm. German ambassador in Washington did not transmit it officially to the French government, it was said semi-officially today.
Germans proposal to France for non-war pact among all the powers interested in the Rhine which France rejected, was made in the belief that a suitable peace in Europe was attainable only if all nations decided to stand on foundations of reality. Cuno declared in a sensational speech yesterday, revealing Germany's latest move in connection with reparations.

DIXIE FLYER JUMPS TRACK INJURIES SEVERAL

(By Associated Press) MACON, Ga. Jan. 1.—Two persons were reported seriously injured and eight painfully hurt when the Dixie Flyer northbound tourist train from Jacksonville to Chicago jumped the tracks near here. The injured were brought to a local hospital. Two baggage cars a mail car a day coach and dining car turned over ten pullmans and the engine left the track but remained upright.

BORDER BOOK CLUB URGES SCHOOL LIBRARY

Awake! We hope the effort to accumulate a fine library for our High School will not languish. The Schools reopen tomorrow and we trust all who are even a wee bit interested will start in anew to contribute books or money. The Border Book Club expects to donate two hundred volumes. Miss Merriweather is chairman of this lot of books. The members of the club are urged to send in their books this week so they may be properly labeled and catalogued. It would be fine if the Daughters of the Confederacy would interest themselves in donating a shelf of Confederate literature. What say you, Daughters? We would also like portraits of our Confederate heroes to adorn the walls of our School library! They represent our highest ideals of loyal southern manhood. Let us think of these things.

Miss W. R. Walker, Pres. B. B. C.

ANOTHER GLOVENIA STREET ACCIDENT MONDAY

A large truck belonging to the Carolina Cotton and Woolen Mills Company struck a Ford car driven by a Mr. Isley of Greensboro which came together with considerable force demolishing the Ford, at the junction of Boone road and Glovenia street, Monday afternoon. Nobody was hurt although the two men in the Ford had a close call. The truck turned up Boone road toward Spray, while the Ford was coming from Spray and heading for Leaksville.

Mr. Isley claims the truck turned the corner too quickly and hit his car when he was on his own side of the street, whether this claim is well founded or not, we were unable to learn. The truth is that the corner is one of the most dangerous places in the street and scarcely a day passes without an accident of some kind. The town should put "Stop" Signs on Glovenia street and "Slow Down" signs on Boone road, and if this does not remedy the matter then the corners should be rounded to give more room. Nearly every body, it is said, exceeds the speed limit as they pass this corner, and some one is apt to meet death there most any day. On last Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wall delightfully entertained Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Ray and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Walker at a most sumptuous dinner party. Turkey, ham, bird on toast and lastly a "tipsy parson" with many attendant "fixins" vied with each other to win the attention from the charm of the host and hostess. Only partial menu. Mr. and Mrs. N. H. McCollum and two sons are late victims of the prevalent "Flu" Rev. W. L. Sherrill pastor of Leaksville Methodist church was busy yesterday making New Year calls along Boone Road and its vicinity. He was most welcome everywhere. Several of the boys returned to their duties at the University of North Carolina today among them were Auburn Robertson Austin Murray, Ohel Clark, Fred Nance and Mack Martin.

OFFICER KILLED WHEN HE ANSWERS PHONE CALL

(By Associated Press) SAPULPA Okla. Jan 2.—Officers and armed citizens are scouring the hilly country north of here for four negroes who killed a policeman and wounded four others last night when officers went to a negro district in response to a mysterious telephone call. The call reported trouble in cafe, they were greeted with a hail of bullets without warning.

Although the weather was bad Sunday night a very large congregation heard Mrs. B. Frank Mebane at the Spray Baptist Church relate her impressions of the Passion Play, which she did in a very impressive manner to the gratification of every person in the church and at the conclusion was cordially thanked by the pastor Rev. L. U. Weston.

Miss Kathleen Walker has gone to Raleigh to assist in the office of the Engraving Clerk of the Senate during the session of the assembly.

Miss Lily Walker who has been spending the Christmas holidays with her parents has returned to Goldsboro, where she is instructor in higher mathematics in the High School.

The Parent Teacher Association of the Leaksville Graded School, will meet Wednesday afternoon at the School house. All members are urged to be present.

Miss Eva Godfrey, who has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. P. V. Godfrey during the holidays returned to her home in Raleigh Sunday.

Misses Florence Hobbs and Margaret Marshall are visiting their uncle, Mr. W. D. Stocks and family in Reidsville.

Mrs. P. V. Godfrey entertained at several tables of bridge, Saturday afternoon. The honor guests were Misses Eva Godfrey of Raleigh and Kathleen Walker, who leaves today to spend some time in Raleigh. The hostess served a delicious salad course.

Miss Louise Wall spent Sunday with Miss Elizabeth DeShazo, at her home near Draper.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Gunn have returned to their home in Danville after spending several days with relatives here.

Miss Ruth Hagood of Reidsville returned to her home, Monday afternoon after spending several days with Miss Bessie Gunn.

Mrs. J. R. Gunn and son of Kinston have returned home after spending the holidays with relatives in town.

Miss Gladys Atkins and brother, Clint are visiting in Burlington during the holidays.

Mr. Perry Hedgecoe and sister of near High Point spent Friday and on Early Avenue.

Miss Blanche Barker spent last Sunday and Monday with Mrs. J. W. Dunn on Early Avenue.

Miss Blanche Barker has returned to her home near Greensboro to spend two months with home folks before returning to Leaksville.

Mrs. Mary Frazier has been spending the holidays with her brother Mr. Kidd in Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cox spent Christmas with Mrs. Cox mother, Mrs. J. W. Dunn on Early Avenue.

Mrs. Vestal Smith spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. J. W. Dunn.

Miss Nell Wrickmon spent several days visiting friends and relatives in Winston-Salem and High Point.

DEFEAT OF DYER BILL LAYS OBLIGATION ON SOUTHERN STATES

States of South land should make good promises made At Washington.

MUST STOP MOB MURDERS IN SOUTH

Now that the Dyer Bill is dead, it is distinctly up to the States to make good the promises and professions of their senators and representatives, which is that the States themselves will settle this problem, settle it right and for all time, it left to themselves. Here is a chance to vindicate "State rights" and to preserve the great principle involved therein—so long cherished as a vital thing in the South—Atlanta Georgian.

With the Dyer Bill out of the way and the State left in control of law enforcement, it is incumbent upon the authorities of every State to see to it that life is sacred and that those guilty of murder singly or in mobs are brought to justice—Our representatives were right in holding that the South would itself protect its Negro population and that the law was unnecessary. It is incumbent upon us to show that they were right in that representation. The duty already resulting upon the South was thus emphasized. It is the duty of all good citizens and all officials to preserve the good name of the South by standing for the orderly processes of the law and the outlawing of lynching—Raleigh News and Observer.

The Dyer Bill is a symptom of which the States would do well to take serious account. The crime of lynching is a disgrace and a danger to the whole Nation, and the States must find a way to put an end to it. If they do not show their capacity to deal with this evil, ultimately some measure of the general character of the Dyer Bill will be enacted by a stretching of the Constitution—Charleston Post.

On the face of the ostensible cause of the surrender of the measure, there is a challenge to the States in which lynching occur—The "Surrender" of the Dyer Bill advocates ought to make the anti-lynching law more effective in every State—not a federal law, but the already ample State law, if citizens so will it, can meet and master the mob spirit—The challenge is upon the States, which properly stand upon their rights; the stamping out of lynching is put upon the honor, the pride, the character of the people of the several States—Savannah News.

The Dyer Bill has failed of enactment, but if lynching and mob out-laws is permitted to continue to shock the conscience and sensibilities of the American people from time to time, it is as certain as the coming of tomorrow that sooner or later a means will be found whereby the forces of federal law will be invoked to put an end to it—Atlanta Constitution.

Lynching is a question that should be taken up by the States. That is preferable. But something must be done that will put an end to murder by mobs. If it cannot be done—if it is not done—then our boasted civilization is spurious, counterfeit, a fraud.—Knoxville Tribune.

The remedy is with the States, but unquestionably, if they do not exercise their rights and meet their duties in putting down mob violence their powers will finally be forfeited and those who say that democratic government is only a beautiful dream will be justified by the establishment of a monarchy in form, whatever may be its name.—Asheville Citizens.

In their assaults on the Dyer Anti-lynching Bill the Southern members of Congress asserted that the South is able to cope with the mob evil. The South can put an end to lynching once it sets its hands determinedly to the task. It should tackle this problem in dead earnest and show that its statesmanship is equal to the situation. We cannot hope that filibusters will always be effective in defeating the enactment of a federal anti-lynching law. There is only one safe way to forestall such action and that way is to be found in the stern handling of lynching parties by Southern courts—Asheville Times.