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#### BONDS OR DIRECT TAXATION

Bonds or a direct tax will be the issue in the road election, if twenty-five per cent of the qualified voters demand it, not good roads, and it will cost the county about \$700 in actual cash and some thousand dollars in losses occasioned by delay in providing maintenance funds for the roads to give the people the opportunity to make their choice as to which method \$250,000, the minimum amount necessary to liquidate the indebtedness of the old board, to pay for the erection of a number of needed bridges and to complete road project now under way, will be raised. And knowing the people of this county too well to even think that they would entertain the idea of a direct tax sufficient to raise such a large sum, even if scattered over a number of years, we are forced to the conclusion that an election would be but a waste of time and effort.

The money will be forthcoming from one source or the other. If the bonds are defeated, the commissioners, possessing too much business judgment to permit the \$500,000 already spent on road construction to go to waste for lack of road maintenance, will borrow the money in anticipation of future tax levies, and there you are! And in the meantime, while the question is argued pro and con, forcing the commissioners to delay their decision as to which method they shall seize upon to raise the needed funds, miles and miles of new highways are slowly degenerating into mud holes for lack of an occasional dragging.

#### THERE IS NO OLD AGE

Properly speaking, there is no "old age," but "spiritual decay," according to Richard Le Gallienne, writing in Harper's Magazine. He likens youth to a quality, a spiritual energy and says that "the foot less prompt to meet the morning dew is no valid evidence of growing old, any more than to lose a leg in battle. Fussy physical activities are not the only tests of youth. That brain of Sophocles which gave us his greatest play at ninety is more to the point, as also that famous saying recorded of him, in reference to the cooling of the passions with the years, that to grow old was like being set free from service to a band of madmen."

"Because we grow wiser and stronger, less selfish and generally useful to our fellows with the passing of the years is not to say that we have lost our youth. It only means that we have learned how to employ it. We do not run in every direction as we did. We know a little better what we are doing, or what we want to do; but the motive force that enables us to do it is that same energy which once drove us to make fools of ourselves at the beginning and still provides the same 'swift means to radiant ends.'"

"Decay, disillusion, weariness; we mean these things when we speak of 'growing old,' but we fail to realize that these are no necessary accompaniments of the years. We may, unfortunately, inherit them, or acquire them, like bad habits, or through neglect of a proper care and exercise of our spiritual selves. Spiritual and intellectual laziness makes most persons 'old before their time.' If we lose interest in life, life will soon lose interest in us, and it is just as possible to achieve a precocious senility in the twenties as at any later period of our lives."

#### Friend Must Hold the Bottle.

If you must take a drink with your friend be sure to insist on said friend holding the bottle while the fluid gurgles down your parched throat. Otherwise you will be guilty of breaking a widely known law named after a fellow Volstead, Judge E. Y. Webb, who should be an authority on dry laws as well as all other kinds of laws, so ruled last week at Salisbury federal court, according to a local attorney who attended.

If your friend offers you a drink and you take the bottle in your hand—no matter how small an amount it may contain—then you are guilty under a strict construction of the Volstead law of having whiskey in your possession. "For purposes of sale," is not a necessary addendum under the national prohibition law, for this law does not recognize the lawful possession of whiskey.

Another federal judge has recently held that a man cannot be guilty of stealing whiskey, because the law says whiskey has no legal value—and you can't steal a thing that has no value.

#### Hogville News.

Hogville, May 19.—The citizens of Hogville have grown panicky over the fact that the recent cold weather has probably damaged the wild grape and persimmon crops. These wild fruits are what the people of this section rely upon. There have been many rumors as to the condition of this fruit, and in order to settle the matter definitely the Hogville Loafers Club has appointed Zero Peck and Gape Allsop to investigate and report to the club in regular sessions daily at the postoffice.

Bulger Smothers, who cannot write very good, ordered a pair of suspenders with polished buckles, from a mail order house which advertises "no goods sent on approval or returned." He received something he does not know anything about; does not know if it is even intended to be worn. He wrote the order as plainly as he could but presumes the one who got it could not read very well. According to the advertisement he will have to keep it, little use as he has for it.

Zero Peck has had a boil on his neck for several days and has been cutting all sorts of capers. A stranger was here yesterday who was suffering from a cancer which had eaten one side of his head off. Zero is now behaving better and seems thankful that he has a boil.

The unemployment problem has always worried the fish in Bear Creek. A stranger was in Hogville this week selling a recipe for making paw paw pie. A large number of our people bought from him, and are now a bit panicky over it, as there will be no paw paws to try it on before fall, and they fear before that time he will be so far gone that they cannot catch him, in case it does not work and they should want their money back.

The Postmaster says all who did not get on the water wagon got run over by it. The late model wagon seems to be so designed and built that none ever fall off.

Bub Smothers started a few days ago to make a note of all the things he could think of that are annoying to him, but he soon ran out of paper. He has since been trying to think of something pleasing to himself, but has not succeeded as yet, he thinks probably due to the fact that about the time he begins to collect his thoughts his wife cuts in on him about something.

The Assistant Constable has put in a great deal of time the past winter and this spring collecting data to be used by him in his work in the future. He has managed to get the measure of every person's foot in town except the Postmaster's, who is not supposed to get into any meanness.

#### That's Good.

Customer—What's good today, Otto?

Waiter—A Judge's ruling to the effect that a restaurant customer has to pay for only what he orders, though he may consume all food served him. —Buffalo Express.

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## SEABOARD Air Line Railroad

SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 28th at 12:01 A. M.

Trains	Arrive	Leave
No. 14 from Charlotte	5:50 a. m.	5:55 a. m. for Wilmington.
No. 12 from Atlanta	6:30 a. m.	6:35 a. m. for Richmond
No. 34 from Rutherfordton	10:50 a. m.	10:55 a. m. for Raleigh and Wilmington
No. 5 from Richmond	7:55 a. m.	8:00 a. m. for Atlanta.
No. 19 from Wilmington	11:20 a. m.	11:30 a. m. for Charlotte.
No. 15 from Monroe		8:10 a. m. for Rutherfordton.
No. 29 from Monroe		11:30 a. m. for Atlanta
No. 31 from Raleigh and Wilmington	2:40 p. m.	2:45 p. m. for Rutherfordton
No. 20 from Charlotte	5:50 p. m.	6:00 p. m. for Wilmington.
No. 30 from Atlanta	5:50 p. m.	Monroe.
No. 16 from Rutherfordton	9:10 p. m.	Monroe.
No. 6 from Atlanta	9:35 p. m.	9:45 for Richmond.
No. 13 from Wilmington	10:45 p. m.	10:50 p. m. for Charlotte.
No. 11 from Portsmouth	11:15 p. m.	11:20 p. m. for Atlanta.

C. T. HARRILL,  
Ticket Agent.

E. W. LONG,  
Division Passenger Agent,  
Charlotte, N. C.

#### WHITE SLAVERY ACTUAL FACT OPPOSES ORGANIZATION OF "KU KLUX KLAN HERE"

Detective Loose, Who Spoke Here, Says Mothers Should Be Warned.

Decay of old-fashioned religion is the real root of modern crime, according to Harry J. Loose, widely known detective, who lectured here at the last chautauqua.

His subject was, "Crime—Its Cause and Prevention." Mr. Loose formerly was head of the bankers' protective association, Pinkerton detective agency, and for 17 years has been a member of the Chicago police department.

Mr. Loose declared that "white slavery" is an actual fact, and expressed his desire for mothers to realize it as soon as possible. He related one instance of a 10-year-old girl being lured away from home to the "breaking in flat," saying that this case was but one of the many that he knew. Thousands of young girls disappear every year, never to return, he said. The Traveller's Aid report for 1919, he said, showed that 68,200 girls disappeared during the year in the United States.

"Mothers, instruct your daughters," he urged. "Talk frankly and tell them what may happen."

"Young girls, when you go to the city, pay no attention to the conversation of the silken woman here and there. She is what we call a come-on. Also leave alone the well-dressed young man at the station, who stands by ready to give you information. If you want to ask for information, ask a policeman, or even a man in overalls. For heavens sake, leave the others alone."

Mr. Loose believes that suggestive moving pictures are an incentive to crime. He spoke of the work of the Chicago censorship board, saying that, with the help of women members, the objectionable parts were clipped from the pictures before public exhibition.

"And after the picture leaves Chicago," he said, "these parts are glued back on again and shown to boys and girls in smaller cities and towns."

He also spoke of the feminine "shop lifter," and told of many instances where goods were stolen from Chicago stores, the loss annually being \$12,000,000.

Mr. Loose exhibited several tools used by crooks, and explained the methods detectives use in gaining information leading to arrests.

#### Cotton For German Children Reaches Port.

The first 150 bales of American cotton donated to the German children's fund has arrived at Bremen from Galveston. The cotton will be converted into clothes for children. It is reported here that more than 2,300 bales of cotton already have been collected and are ready for shipment to Germany.

#### Critical.

"Have you read that motion picture star's description of his domestic sorrows?"

"I have," replied Miss Cayenne. "His pathos is as rough as his comedy." —Washington Star.

Now most of the stress in theology is put upon the non-essentials. Listening to the sermon and the fine music I was led to think that after all is said and done one can get the worth of his money from a good church more than anywhere else. The preacher said more people were unsaved in San Antonio than were saved, yet this town is not a bad one as towns go. He also said that there were more unsaved people in the world today than there were when Christ was on earth. From these facts he argued that the church was not living up to its opportunities. Yet there was assembled a congregation perhaps larger than all the congregations in Monroe of all denominations at the same time. This is a Methodist congregation worshipping temporarily in this structure while the church house is being made over. The church sits opposite the largest hotel in the city and across the corner from Travis Park, a beautiful four acre park right up next to the business section. This sermon corroborated an idea that I have before expressed in these articles; namely, that if Christianity is not larger than the churches the world is in a bad way. This is what the people leave out of consideration when they say that the world is getting worse instead of better.

#### The Esqr.'s Molasses Are Known Far and Wide as the Very Best

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Upon their old tunnel. They live upon upon grain, the tender roots of corn and other vegetation. By the long task in the mouth, they live undoubtedly on some insects. Their fur is of some value and is the softest of the animal family. It varies in color from light gray in summer to dark brown in midwinter. Many people in Union country have never seen one although they have seen their burrows. Their usual feeding time is at night and about two p. m.

No Hurry.  
"Shall I drop you off in Chicago?" asked the transcontinental aviator as they passed over Buffalo.  
"No, I won't trouble you," replied the nervous passenger. "I believe I will stay aboard till you come to your first regular stop."

#### Special Notices

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#### Monroe Market.

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Cotton—good middling ..... 11.50  
Cotton—middling ..... 10.50  
Cotton—stains ..... 5 1/2-6  
Cotton Seed ..... 21c.  
Eggs—guinea ..... 20  
Eggs—hen ..... 25c  
Spring chickens ..... 40-60 or 40c lb.  
Hens ..... 65-70 or 20c lb.  
Roosters ..... 10c lb.  
Peas ..... \$2 to \$2.25  
Corn—market dull at ..... 90c.  
Butter ..... 12 1/2-20  
Hams ..... 20-25  
Cabbage ..... 2c lb.  
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Hogs ..... 16c net.



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