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DUKE INTEREST EXTENDING PROGRAM OF DEVELOPMENT.

America is known as a country of numerous millionaires—men who had the foresight to take advantage of the natural resources of this great country and convert them to their own use. This is true of the railroads, the coal mines, the oil fields—places where men have grown fabulously rich in a short space of time. And so prized are the privileges of conducting these operations that any encroachment by outside interests is jealously looked upon. As the country has developed it has become necessary to set up a kind of government control over these colossal industries in order to have some control over them and protect the people from unfair and unjust rates and prices. Our laws are now so constituted that it requires the consent of the government to build railroads and also to discontinue present lines.

There is yet a large section of the country undergoing intensive and rapid development and one of those sections is the Piedmont section of North Carolina. Expecting such a growth the late James B. Duke years ago made his plan for opening up this new territory with a system of electric railways capable of giving express service all along the line and affording quick transportation of products to the markets. The death of Mr. Duke did not interfere with the well laid plans of former years and now his successors have set in motion the machinery to traverse North Carolina with an electric railway system extending from Spartanburg, S. C., to Winston-Salem for the present. But before they can start their work the proposal must have the approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The first effort to get such approval brought vigorous protests from the Southern Railway, the Seaboard and other great steam railway systems and there is now being held in Charlotte an investigation of the claims of both sides with an agent of the Commission taking the evidence. Among those appearing for and against the proposed rail system are some of the brainiest men of the nation and it will take months for the Commission to study the question and render a final decision. But the steam railway lines see in the move of the Duke interests an effort to enter a field where they are now reaping great harvests of revenue and they are not willing to let this territory have the advantage of the electric line without a strong protest.

The system undertaken by the Duke interests is known as the Piedmont and Northern and will be operated by electricity generated at the plants of the Southern Power Co. During the first days of the hearing this week Mr. Lee, president of the road, stated that his company expected to spend two hundred million dollars in developing the Piedmont section of North Carolina. With this vast amount of money already in prospect one can hardly foretell just where this company will stop in future extensions. It may mean that should the road reach Winston-Salem it will soon find itself leading on up through the rich farming lands of Yadkin County, crossing the Yadkin river, coming through Surry and terminating in Mount Airy, thus splitting in half two rich counties with a railroad running north and south. Electric railways have proven to be best adapted for mountain use and as the country continues to develop it is no idea of a dreamer to foresee the road being built across the Fancy Gap, through Carroll County, on across Bland County, and ending at Bluefield, W. Va., thus making a connection with the coal fields. Such a system would open up markets for the products of this section, both natural and manufactured, in all directions and giving us quick transportation facilities. Mount Airy should seriously consider the possibility of such fortune breaking upon her and we should be on the alert to secure this connection.

Noted Jurist Coming

The Baraca class of The First Baptist Church is fortunate in securing Judge Johnson J. Hayes as their speaker for the Sunday of July 3rd. Judge Hayes is one of the most brilliant speakers in the state and the class is glad to have him accept its invitation. The public will be welcomed to attend the class and hear him.

HOW FOR A SIX MILLION DOLLAR SCHOOL FUND

Last fall when John Folger made his campaign for the legislature in this county his main issue was more state funds for schools. Mr. Folger has contended all the time that since the state law requires the county to furnish a six months school term, that it likewise becomes a state problem of financing. With this view he went to Raleigh and at once started a campaign among the members of the legislature advocating a five million dollar state fund for the county schools, against a former amount of one and a half million. After a long fight in which he was opposed by the leaders of the legislature and men from the rich counties he secured a compromise proposition which gave to the counties of the state three and a half million dollars. Recently this amount was apportioned out among the counties and Surry gets \$55,000 against \$23,000 last year.

Even with the increased amount from the state Mr. Folger still declares that the state is not doing its duty to the counties in the school question and he will be found in the fight at the next legislature demanding that the equalization fund be increased to six million dollars. He is already receiving encouragement from various parts of the state in advocating such an amount. The ninety counties in the state who have profited from this fund are indebted to Mr. Folger for the successful fight he made and they will be behind him in his future effort to raise the fund to six million.

CAPTAIN G. T. ROTH.

In the death of Captain G. T. Roth this section sustains the loss of one of its most successful, useful and prominent citizens. The story of the life of Captain Roth reads almost like a romance. When the war between the states was over and the soldiers came back to rebuild the country two of the returned soldiers, Alex Chatham and T. L. Gwyn, conceived the idea of establishing a woolen mill at Elkin. At that time most of the wool used in the homes of the people was carded by hand and spun on the old hand loom. These two young soldiers had but little money and no experience in the manufacturing business. When their plans were made for their infant industry they looked around for a competent man to take charge and do the work. In their hunt for a man who knew the mill business they found Mr. G. T. Roth in one of the northern states and secured his services. He came to Elkin and took charge of the little woolen mill that worked possibly a half dozen hands. It was his job to run the mill and turn out the goods. With almost no equipment to begin with he made it his life work to do his duty. As the trade increased he made the mill increase to meet the demands, and being a skilled machinist and a perfect genius at any kind of work, he made with his own hands much of the machinery that was at first used in his mill. As the years went by he saw the business develop and grow into one of the big corporations of the South. Many years ago he acquired an interest in the business and his interest made him a rich man.

As a citizen Captain Roth was one of the most lovable, most patriotic, most liberal and useful men the state has ever known. Only a few years ago he practically retired from active business and took time to visit many of the countries of the old world, going around the earth in his travels. He had not been able to take an active part in business for some months because of ill health and age. This section has not had a citizen who showed more real worth and ability to render a real service in up-building the country and developing the resources of the land. But few men are blessed with the ability to mingle and mix with their fellows and get results with less friction than Captain Roth. Elkin will mourn his passing as one of her first citizens and most useful men.

Rev. Father Alphonse Buss, O. S. B., Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Members of the Catholic Church of the Holy Angels in this city celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their priest's service in the parish last Sunday morning when high mass was held at the church at 10:30 A. M. by Rev. Father Alphonse Buss, O. S. B. of Belmont, followed by benediction sung by a choir of male voices. The service was attended by a number of friends of the priest from Winston-Salem including his two brothers from Belmont: Brother Frank Buss and Brother Aloysius Buss also of the order of St. Benedict.

After mass the entire congregation and the visitors went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Kleino where an elaborate dinner was served in picnic style.

OVERLOADING AUTOMOBILES

In Judge Lovell's court this week in one of the trials where an automobile wreck was the issue it was brought out that five grown people were riding in a Ford roadster. This fact brought forth the remark from His Honor that with a hundred and one other laws on the books regulating automobile travel our legislators have failed to make any law regulating the overloading of cars. With five people in a roadster it becomes almost impossible for the driver to have good control of the car and in an emergency he would be absolutely incapable of meeting the condition. Certainly it is a dangerous practice for a car to be so overloaded that the free action of the driver is disturbed. Some states have seen the need of such regulation and do not permit over three to ride in a roadster, nor five in a small touring car, and when enough of our readers see the situation as Judge Lovell does we too will have such a law in this state.

Mother Of Nine Passes

Mrs. Mary Bettie Kidd wife of Mr. Ed H. Kidd, of route 4, died at Martin Hospital Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock aged 39 years.

Mrs. Kidd was a sufferer with gall stones. She is survived by her husband and nine children, the youngest only seven weeks old.

The funeral was conducted by Elder Jesse Dunbar at 2 P. M. Tuesday and the remains laid to rest in the Friends Cemetery at White Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Cox, of Galax, Va., spent Sunday in this city, while here they visited Mrs. Grady Cooper who is a patient at Martin Memorial Hospital.

ROCKFORD STREET METHODIST CHURCH

Interesting and Helpful Services Last Sunday—Will Happen Again Next Sunday, June 25th.

The pastor, Rev. J. O. Ervin, at Rockford Street discussed "Personal Responsibility," using as scripture basis Ezek. 18: 20, and Gal. 6: 4, 5.

It was found that with reference to the bearing of responsibility there are three distinct classes, viz: 1. The Shirkers—that is the fellow who does not even acknowledge responsibility. Cain was the first fellow in this class. 2. The second class, a very large one too, is the Shifters. They see and acknowledge responsibility but say, let the other fellow do it. Adam and Eve were both in that class. They finally got the responsibility and blame off on the snake. Both the Priest, and the Levite on the Jericho road were in this class. They saw the fellow in dire need they were willing for the Good Samaritan to handle the case. 3. But there is a third, and smaller class—The Shoulders. These like Joshua, Isaiah, St. Paul, The Good Samaritan, and Our Blessed Lord, see the tasks of life and get beneath its load and bear it to the Inn or to life Calvaries and to victory. On next Sunday the pastor will attempt to preach a sermon showing how all the Shirkers, and Shifters may be turned in to Shoulders. Surely the house ought to be overflowing.

The sermon on Sunday night was on "The Good Shepherd." He feeds his sheep, He keeps his sheep, He protects and defends his sheep, and He goes out to seek the lost ones.

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Death Claims Young Lady

Miss Hattie L. Crowl died at 3:30 A. M. Tuesday at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Eliza Crowl, of route 4, aged sixteen years.

Miss Crowl was a member of the Franklin school and had been in failing health several months from polio. The hour for the funeral had not been set at this writing.

Miss Smith Honor Guest At Party

Miss Helen Smith, who leaves Thursday for a trip to Europe was honored with a party given by Mrs. W. W. Carter last Thursday afternoon in the country home of her mother, Mrs. H. C. Marion, at White Sulphur Springs.

The home was festive with a wealth of lovely cut flowers and

bridge was played at two tables the guests being members of the young married ladies bridge club and Miss Smith, Mrs. H. B. Crawford, Jr., of Winston-Salem and her home guest Miss Elizabeth Lynn, of Roanoke, Va. Miss Lynn received the high score prize and gifts were presented by Miss Smith and Mrs. Crawford. Delicious refreshments were served in two courses.

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