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A Golden Opportunity for O'Neals Township.

A progressive movement in any direction is somewhat like invention, when called upon by necessity, that the thought running through a few minds is also running in many, and now the signs plainly tell us that the citizens of O'Neals township have a good opportunity offered to them for a general forward movement for the new railroad from Raleigh to Pamlico Sound, which, by necessity, must pass through the township, if built. For many years progressive citizens in all sections of the south, have been devising ways and means for the permanent improvement and the well-being of all its citizens. To effect this, there should be a general system of co-operation between the states, counties and townships, and all the citizens in general.

A united effort assures success. The people in the section to be traversed, by this railroad and especially this township, should be enthusiastic and rise up as one man, with a full determination that it shall be built and vote unanimously for bond subscription. Comparatively, the amount is small, is a good investment and will be a financial success in the near future.

The citizens are already aware of the disadvantages of their isolated condition from the outside world. Look at the enormous cost to the farmers in hauling their fertilizers, groceries and family necessities and the delivery of their crops at places from ten to twenty miles distant. The time required, wear and tear of their teams, and the exposure to inclement weather, when estimated, the amount is startling.

If the road is built, which seems to be an assured fact, provided the good people of the sections through which the road will pass come forward and do their full duty, by voting the necessary bonds, money is not asked nor required of them, but bonds on long time, which the dividends of the road, after a few years of operation, will amply pay off, without cost to them directly; and the township will reap a golden harvest from the road. In the first place, stations will have to be built and this township is just the right distance from Raleigh, Wilson, and other places, for a station, a town in your township, with all that means.

Now what would a town mean or do for that section of the country, which now is looked upon as an outcast, as for as the outer world is concerned? Nothing would do more to increase the value of farms, creating a market at home for any and all things that can be produced on a farm, which increased price or value over that now obtained in distant markets with all the inconvenience, trouble, time, wear and tear in delivering the same. The value of your farms will more than double in a few years, wages will increase, thereby bettering the condition of the laboring man. The social, financial and educational advancement benefited at a very small cost, and that indirectly.

Now is the time, the 22nd, day of September, for the farmers and all citizens of the township, to vote for the bond issue for the new road, so that peace and prosperity will reign supreme in your midst.

Now don't be like Smithfield, (in by-gone days), to sit and grieve over a golden opportunity that was once offered to her and rejected by the county representatives in the Legislature. When the charter for the North Carolina Railroad was up for consideration and likely to pass, the representatives of Johnston county were told that if they would vote for it, the road should pass through Smithfield, but if they did not, the road would not touch it, but pass some miles off. You all now see the result. Suppose that road had gone through Smithfield then, what would have been the result? Why, instead of the town laboring under many disadvantages for years, until the

Atlantic Coast Line was built, with only a handful of discouraged and disheartened inhabitants lamenting and grieving over the folly and sad results of a once great opportunity, it would have been one of our most flourishing inland towns, with many thousands of prosperous and happy citizens. The clink of the hammer and the hum of the spindles resounding all up and down the noble old Neuse, a perfect hive of industry, with a halo overshadowing the entire county.

Now which picture of the above will the voters of O'Neals township take? It seems to us that all sane people could and would decide the question instantly and that voters of said township will march in one solid phalanx to the poles and vote subscription, thereby covering themselves and township with glory, leaving a railroad as a monument to their efforts in elevating and bettering the condition of their fellow citizens and as an incentive and convenience to future generations.

Now don't lose any time but register and be ready to vote, and on the 22nd go to the polls, take your neighbor and see that he votes the right way.

CITIZEN.

Dan Teachey Sentenced to Die.

Goldsboro, N. C., Sept. 7.—The Duplin county jury who tried Dan Teachey for the murder of Bob Rivenbark in Kenansville last week, brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree on Saturday evening at 6 o'clock and the presiding judge sentenced Teachey to be hanged on the 2nd day of October. Counsel for Teachey gave notice of appeal to the Supreme Court. The case occupied four days of the court last week. Teachey was brought to this city again yesterday and placed in jail. While awaiting his trial he had broke jail in Kenansville and the sheriff did not care to give Teachey another opportunity to gain his freedom. The strange part of the story is that he should have come in and given himself up to the sheriff as he did do. He expected to prove an alibi, but the evidence was too strong against him. He followed Rivenbark up along the road and shot him at the home of a negro woman with whom they were both intimate. The prosecution had the dying man's declaration that it was Teachey who shot him and three eye-witnesses to the tragedy.

MASSEY CHAPEL NOTES.

Mr. Jno. R. Woodard visited in Emit section last week.

Elder S. H. Brady and wife spent Sunday in Smithfield.

Mr. A. T. Wiggs made a business trip to Goldsboro Saturday.

Mr. Andrew Brewer of Wayne was with us Saturday night and Sunday.

We learn that Mr. J. Bowen, of our section, will leave soon for Greensboro.

Mrs. Ransom Holland, of Kenley, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Woodard.

Mr. A. G. Woodard spent Sunday near Neuse Chapel. He will leave today (Wednesday) for Chapel Hill to take a course in medicine.

Albert Woodard and Robert Brady killed a large snake Monday. They say that they are confident that he was three inches or more in diameter.

Rev. M. A. Adams, Principal of Mt. Moriah Academy, will begin a series of meetings at the Woodard school house Sunday evening, Sept. 20. All are invited to attend.

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Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

Has world-wide fame for marvellous cures. It surpasses any other salve, lotion, ointment or balm for Cuts, Corns, Burns, Boils, Sores, Felons, Ulcers, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Chapped Hands, Skin Eruptions; infallible for Piles. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c at Hood Bros., Druggists.

SANDERS CHAPEL.

Miss Dora Woodall is counting stars in the Four Oaks shade.

Mrs. Rosa Pritchard has returned to her school in Gastonia.

Mr. John Sanders roamed in the Wilson's Mills woods last Sunday.

Whoora for the Kansas school mams. Court if you want to, or be courted.

The dry weather and travel to court has transmogrified our good roads to a free public dust bath.

The haying and fodder pulling season has been perfect, and a little rain to fill the tater cracks and huddle the turnips and inguns is now in order.

Scuppernongs are ripening and attracting both man and possum by the delicious fragrance wafted on this mild September breeze. They are neither delusive or mythy.

Rev. Mr. Hall is holding a series of meetings at Sardis Baptist church this week. The man in the moon is mightily in his favor, but it is well to keep your lamp trimmed and burning.

Messrs. Chas. Powell and Willie Smith played now you sees me and now you don't sees me last Sunday. We don't know what their business down to Walter was. They came back hungry but smiling.

Mr. Charles Powell sold his crop of tobacco on the 9th. He left the bank still doing business. He was chief mourner in the homeward procession, with J. Whit Stevens playing anti me too fidale.

The young ladies of this ranch had an ice cream rally at the beautiful oak grove in front of the Methodist church last Friday night for church improvements. Twenty-two dollars was realized from the large and liberal audience. We noted the presence of Mr. Will Tomlinson and four young ladies from the Polenta region, Dr. Holland and Miss Eva Hood, of Smithfield, Misses Fitzgerald and Stencil, of Selma. Our whole woods, neck and all were out lapping cream and nibbling cake.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Powell attended the annual reunion of Co. E. 20th Regiment, near Mount Olive last week. Mrs. Powell had a brother, brother-in-law, a cousin and thirteen sweethearts in that company in 1861. She had a sort of a hog-killing love feast of a time, and got around like "one of the boys." An humorous, pleasant and attractive address by Rev. Dr. J. D. Huffman, of Warsaw, was concluded by all the old vets falling into line, marking time and giving three "old Rebel yells" charged the biggest, longest, widest and most elaborate and bountifully supplied table, with the sweetest, juiciest, and brownest barbecued granda porkers, flanked and enflamed and supported in front and rear, underneath and overhead by chicken and goat, and mutton and old hen, cow and old ham and young bread, washed down and slashed around by lemonade and ice tea and Java coffee, sweetened and served by the blessed ladies from Mount Olive and Calypso, and Wolf Scrape and Tear Shirt, and Lick Lizzard and Swinge Pig and Bear Mash and the country round about and between Rattlesnake creek and Goshenswamp. In the angle (not the bloody one) of the table stood the barbecue wagon, in the rear end of which was located an old-fashioned gumwood bread tray three feet long, which was presided over by the veteran colored barbecue butler of Mount Olive, with a cleaver in hand chopping chips worth picking up. Right by this wagon Mrs. Powell took her stand, and she has not stopped talking about that meat and things yet. After dinner anti-trust cigars were handed around and jabbed into your pockets, and the camp fires were soon burning and the smoke a swelling, and old stories a telling and some a yelling, etc. One feller said he never expected to attend another reunion dinner. He expanded like a balloon and collapsed the second day and it

took him three days to rake in enough peas and things to get in a normal condition, besides feeling bad from the first. Dr. Huffman, himself an old vet, in his speech threw the girls a bunch of taffy at the expense of a young old vet. He said, in Virginia endurin of the war, a young soldier fell in love with a Virginia damsel and was too bashful to tell her about it, so he sent her the following letter accompanied by a bunch of blossoms and grass and sich.

Accept this bokay from a feller
Who oft has heard the cannons beller;
Has listened to the files a tootin'
And helped to do a heap of shootin';
Has seen the war clouds darkly rise
Like fifty buzzards when they flies;
Who now is bigger than his dad
And wants to marry mighty bad.

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SELMA NEWS.

Mr. C. P. Harper went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Whitley went to Raleigh Wednesday.

Mr. Everett Holder, of Wilders, is visiting friends here this week.

Miss Mattie Ellington, of Manchester, Va., is visiting Mrs. W. H. Call.

Miss Julia Richardson, of Wendell, is visiting her uncle, R. B. Whitley.

Mr. W. W. Wynne, of Raleigh, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. N. E. Edgerton.

Miss Julia Fuller Etheredge has returned from a visit to the Misses Ballard of Franklinton.

Miss Ola Parker who has been in Spencer N. C. visiting for several weeks has returned home.

Miss Lula Owens, of Durham, who has been visiting Miss Effie Blackman returned home Monday.

Mrs. Rebecca Honeycutt, of Clayton, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. B. Driver, has returned home.

Mr. C. R. Ashley, of Roxboro N. C., who was one of the proprietors of the Star Warehouse last season, is in town.

H. W. Hood has taken the contract to build the approaches to the iron bridge and hopes to get them finished this week.

Mr. W. B. Driver is having his residence on Anderson and Pollock streets repaired and added to and will soon move into it.

Mr. B. L. Strickland has severed his connection with the Selma Oil Mills and goes to Battleboro N. C., as Supt. of the cotton oil mills.

Mr. M. A. Hooks, of Matthews, who bought cotton here for Sprunt & Sons, of Wilmington, has arrived and will buy cotton again.

Mr. Battle A. Hocutt, of Earpsboro, passed through our town a few days ago on his way to Chapel Hill where he is taking the medical course.

The Selma Junior Base Ball club went to Wendell last Saturday to cross bats with the Wendell's second nine. The score was 20 to 6 in favor of Selma Juniors.

Mrs. E. H. Lee, of Raleigh, is visiting her brother, L. D. Debnam. Mrs. Debnam is in Clayton at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Dr. Griffin, who we regret to learn is very sick.

Our people generally and especially Mr. N. E. Edgerton are much pleased with Judge Peebles. He seems to run the court and does not let the lawyers run it. A few such Judges as Judge Peebles and crime would decrease.

Miss Margaret Etheridge entertained a number of her friends Wednesday evening in honor of her charming guest Miss Fannie McKay, of Manchester, N. C. Among those present were Misses Mamie Tuck, Mary Hatcher, Margaret Smith, Bettie Lee Sanders, Rosa, Mamie and Nannie Richardson, Lois Bass, Mattie Ellington, Mrs. R. B. Carrington, Mrs. M. C. Winston, Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Call, Prof. Craven, Robert Gibson, G. D. Vick, Robert Millard Nowell, Geo. D. Vlek, Sam Wood, Stanley Robertson, and M. C. Tuck. Miss Mamie Tuck won the prize.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The September Term of Johnston county Superior convened here Monday afternoon with Judge R. B. Peebles, of Northampton county on the bench. Solicitor Armistead Jones, of Raleigh, represents the State.

The following grand jury was chosen:

Edward H. Woodall, Foreman, R. J. P. Baker, Eli S. Turlington, Alonzo Johnson, Joseph Lee, A. D. Tart, J. W. Jones, R. A. Blackman, N. G. Rand, A. J. Massey, Ransom Beasley, D. J. Wellons, A. R. Lee, J. D. Eason, R. O. Coter, E. P. Gower, W. E. Godwin and J. C. Tart. Everitt W. Holder was appointed officer of the grand jury.

Judge Peebles' charge to the grand jury was short and to the point. In this charge he emphasized the importance of magistrates' taking down the evidence of witnesses in their courts, read the evidence over to the witness and require him to sign same. This he said, would greatly aid the Solicitor in having only material witnesses summoned and thus save much expense.

He also called attention to the vagrant laws and said in substance that it was the duty of Justices of the Peace and Mayors to enforce these laws and take up



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all vagrants and put them to work. If these laws were enforced there would not be so many worthless negroes loafing around all over small towns, refusing to work when a job was offered them.

Our people are well pleased with the business-like manner in which Judge Peebles is conducting the court. He does not allow any quibbling over trifling matters that hinder the progress of his court.

The following are the principal criminal cases disposed of to date: John Williams was charged with larceny and breaking in house. Could not be found and noi pros entered.

Will Lockhart plead guilty to resisting an officer and also to an assault and battery. He was sentenced to two years on Clayton roads.

Anderson Holden was fined guilty of breaking into a store. Sentence not yet pronounced.

C. H. Wood and Leonard Grimes were tried and found guilty of a nuisance. Prayer for judgment continued.

Owen Morgan was before the court on a charge of larceny and receiving. He was released upon payment of costs.

Wesley Watson and John Game were found guilty of an affray and fined five dollars each and costs.

Robert Starling was before the court upon a charge of an assault with a deadly weapon. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Wm. Graffenreid was found \$25 and costs for an assault with a deadly weapon.

Arthur Whitley was fined \$20 and costs for carrying a concealed weapon.

J. F. White was up for assault with deadly weapon, found guilty and fined \$20 and costs.

T. D. Snead, Jr., was fined \$20 and costs for assault with deadly weapon.

The principal case before the court at this term is the case against L. B. Durham charged with rape upon Barilla Sanders. The defendant was brought into court Monday afternoon and arraigned. The case was set for Wednesday morning and a

special venire of 75 men were summoned from which to get a jury.

Wednesday morning the case came up and the morning hour was spent in getting a jury. Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning was spent in the examination of witnesses. Messrs. Pou & Brooks and Phillip Busbee are attorneys for the defendant, Durham. The State is represented by Solicitor Jones and Mr. E. S. Abell.

The jury was given the case at 7 o'clock last night and at 10 filed in court and rendered a verdict of not guilty. And Durham was allowed to go home after having spent six months in jail.

There are several other criminal cases yet upon the docket and it is hardly probable that court will adjourn before Saturday afternoon.

CLAYTON CHIPS.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Gulley went to Smithfield Monday.

Mr. Wm. Wall has accepted a position with Mr. R. H. Fusell.

Mr. W. E. Stallings returned from Baltimore last Thursday.

Mr. D. T. Barnes and Miss Rosa Parker, of Garner, spent Sunday here.

Little Dorsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis D. Creech is quite sick.

Mrs. Jesse Wood and sister spent Monday with Mrs. Victor Barnes.

Miss Blanche Barnes left Thursday to enter the Durham Conservatory.

Business has opened up lively in Clayton. New cotton coming in every day.

Mr. A. J. Barbour left Tuesday for Northern Markets to buy the fall stock for his firm.

A number of our young people attended the vocal union at White Oak last Sunday.

Rev. C. W. Blanchard filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mr. C. B. Turley has accepted a position with Mr. I. M. Dodd as manager of his livery business.

Miss Rosa Lee Harris a beautiful young lady of Scotland Neck is visiting her brother Mr. M. Harris.

Mr. W. H. Cole has a first-class Saw Mill, boiler and engine for sale on easy terms. See his "ad" elsewhere.

The first new cotton of this section was sold by W. B. Penny last Saturday. One bale brought 11.85 one 11.82.

A number of our citizens are attending court at Smithfield this week in the capacity of jurors and witnesses.

Mr. J. R. Barnes of Archer showed us some fine tobacco this week. It seems to have been well grown and well cured.

Miss Theresa Hinton of Durham, N. C., and Mrs. Will Hinton of Savannah Ga., are visiting their sister Mrs. J. H. Johnson near here.

Mrs. Sylvester Reddingfield died at her home on Mr. E. R. Gulley's plantation Tuesday night about 10:30 o'clock. She had been sick for several weeks.

Mrs. Ashley Horne returned Tuesday from Sparks, Ga., where she has been to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Rogers. Mr. Geo. L. Walker, her brother-in-law, accompanied her.

The annual session of the Membership of the Clayton Baptist Church will be held at the church the first Sunday in October. An interesting and helpful program has been arranged. Dinner will be served on the ground. Every member of the church is especially requested to be present. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Clayton High School continues to grow. Fourteen new pupils were enrolled Monday making the total enrollment to that date 101. The new boarding pupils are Miss Verna Penny, Miss Nannie Penny, and Miss Norma Sorrell of Penny, N. C. Misses Hattie Wall and Emma Castleberry of Archer. Miss Naomi Vinson of Clayton, and Walter Creech of Emit, N. C.

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