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The Southern in the Geography.  
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"The great rivers don't carry passengers any more," said Chauncey Depew, "the great railroads have taken their places." Mr. Depew is right. Gross grows on the waves at Omaha and Kansas City, and only a few freight boats are now occasionally seen at Cincinnati and Louisville.

The Harpers have gotten a new geography from which the children describe the great country it gives to the youngsters. The school children used to describe the rivers, at now they describe the great railroads.

To illustrate how they describe them, the teacher in the Washington public school said:  
"Now, Mary, can you describe the Southern railway? you know it is 9,000 miles long."

"Yes, sir, that is very easy," said Mary. "The Southern really commences in New York. It runs its cars over the Pennsylvania railroad through Philadelphia and Baltimore to Washington. Then it leaves the Capital and runs right by Washington Monument and the White House, Manassas and Bull Run battlefields to Lynchburg near Appomattox, where General Lee surrendered to General Grant, then to New Orleans and Florida."  
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We challenge the Enterprise, the official organ of the Court-House Ring and the claim speculators of the county, to point out a single instance in which we have made a mis-statement of facts, or have mis-quoted the records of the county.

**Prospects of the Big Park.**

The indications are that the efforts to secure the establishment of the Appalachian Park will be successful. In a general way, it may be stated that the object of the Park Association and its friends, is to induce the government to buy or secure control of several million acres of wooded land in Western North Carolina and adjacent territory, for the purpose of conserving the forests and conducting the lumbering interests on scientific principles. The idea, yet in an embryonic state, has met with almost universal encouragement in Congress, in the newspapers, in associations and clubs that pertain to such matters, and also enjoys the prestige of having had two special messages from the White House, warmly endorsing the idea: one by the lamented late chief executive and one by President Roosevelt, an ardent devotee of woods, game and nature generally. Both of our U. S. Senators are on the Forestry Committee, to which the matter has been referred.

So it would seem there remains nothing to do but to settle the details; and herein will be found much to occupy attention and challenge the ripest statesmanship and broadest wisdom. For the government to take charge of this large area, made up of parts of several states, and while controlling the same, still leave the residents to erect occupying their present homes, and confining their jurisdiction exclusively to timbered lands—all this, all these things requiring nice adjustment will demand time, wisdom and patience.

A point of paramount interest to the people of Madison is the question of boundary lines: this, of course, is a matter yet to be settled by the commission to be appointed or by officials of the Agricultural department, as the law may direct. The boundary, as it affects this county, as suggested by the Park Association, can be roughly outlined as follows: from a point at or near Barnard station, draw a line to Mitchell's Peak, a north-easterly direction; from the same point, at or near Barnard, draw a line to Wayneville, in a south westerly direction. Now the timbered territory that is in this county, included between these lines and the Tennessee line will give a rough, approximate idea of what has been suggested as the part of Madison taken into the proposed reserve.

Now the proposition is to assume control of, or a quire title to nothing but timbered lands within this territory. The state law, enacted by the General Assembly of 1901, consents to the government's acquisition of any forest covered land in Western North Carolina, that may be, in the opinion of the government, needed for a national forest reserve, providing, however, that any resident of the territory, at the time of the passage of the act, (Jan. 12, 1901) may hold 200 acres of land on which his residence is located, and providing further that the state shall have a concurrent civil and criminal jurisdiction with the Federal government in the territory so acquired.

As to the location of boundaries it may be added that what has been alluded to is merely tentative and suggestive, and the future alone

can determine where these lines are to run.

It looks like the park or the reservation is coming and it is hoped it may benefit our people.

**QUESTIONS UNANSWERED.**

Will the Enterprise, the official organ of the Court House Ring and the claim speculators of the county, (commonly known as Little Ananias) please answer the following questions, all of which have been asked several times before but have never been answered?

First—Why do not the GIANT commissioners require the county officers to make their itemized and verified annual reports as required by sections 728 of the Code and section 93 of chapter 7 of the public laws of 1901?

Second—"And if it is one of the editors who has been doing so much harping at the Record because it saw fit to oppose the measure enacted in the interest of the claim speculators, we would like to ask him if it is not a fact that about the time the Legislature of 1901 met, if there was not a conference in his office between himself, the representative of the county, the chairman of the republican executive committee of the county, the board of commissioners, together with some of the claim holders against the county, and perhaps others, and if in that conference it was not agreed to present a petition to the Legislature asking for this high tax, and if in pursuance of that agreement, the said editor pro tem did not have drawn upon his typewriter, a petition to the Legislature, in almost the exact terms of the law as afterwards passed by the legislature, and if a majority of said board of commissioners did not sign the said petition and forward the same to the representative and senator in the General Assembly, and if the representative did not introduce a copy of a bill drawn in accordance with the request contained in said petition?"

Third—"Now, if the Enterprise wanted to be frank and honest in its course, why did it make the false charge concerning the local solicitor for the county of Madison, that he did not examine the county records, when his official report was spread on the minutes of the court for the very time the charge was made? Will the Enterprise please answer this question, and not try to shirk it by saying that is "unfair discussion?"

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.**  
January 6th, 1902.  
Board met; members present, Wm S. Rice, and Ira Plemons, Wm. English not being present, Ira Plemons was elected chairman pro tem.

Ordered by the Board, that the sheriff be charged with the following insolvent taxes collected by him for the year 1900, to-wit: W. M. A. Edwards, \$2.70 and W. R. Tillery, \$2.04.  
Ordered by the Board, that Cora Mason be admitted as an inmate of the County Home.

A petition filed at the December meeting, 1901, of No. 7 and 8 townships, asking that a public road be laid off and established from the Spring Creek road at or near the E. M. Wagoner mill place on Jasper Ebbs' land, to run the most practical route to intersect with the public road at the Rogers farm on Little Pine Creek. The beginning is in No. 8 township, and ending in No. 7 township. There being no opposing petition filed, and it appearing to the Board that the road is necessary for public convenience, it is hereby ordered that a public road be laid off and established in accordance with a petition heretofore filed. It is further ordered that R. S. Ramsey, sheriff of Madison county, sum-

mons three disinterested men as jurors to lay off said road, and make their report to this Board at the February meeting 1902; (public notice having been given of the filing of said petition.

Ordered by the Board that Penland & Reeves be released of the following tax, for the year 1901: State, \$1.00; Pension, 19 cents; School, 85 cents; County, \$3.25; total, \$5.19. It is also ordered that Mrs. Sarah Sams be released of the following tax: State 20 cents; Pension, 5 cents; School 28 cents; County 87 cents; total, \$1.41.

Ordered by the Board, that the following jurors be summoned by the sheriff of Madison county, to serve as jurors, February term, 1902:

No. 1 Township: W H McLean, J G Edwards, C R Robinson, J W Kilpatrick, Vance Ramsey, J R Green, I F Wild, Joe Franklin, G W Bryan; No. 2 township: W S Rice, John Norton; No. 3 township: H C Ammons, W W Under and J E Edwards; No. 5 township: M C Buckner, Z G Sprinkle, W W Hamlin, A J Bruce and D S Ball; No. 6 township, G M Hips; No. 8 township, J C Harris, A S Miller, L S Suttle, Noah Ledford, R H Riddle; No. 9 township, S L Rector, Thomas Ruffy, W L Bright; No. 10 township, Frank Landers, W H Rice; No. 11 township, J P Burnett; No. 12 township, H C Johnson, F C Colwell, G W Roberts; No. 14 township, J H Stines, J C Ramsey

SECOND WEEK.  
No 1 township, W J Gudger, J H Guthrie, C A Henderson, John D Cupps, J N Bryan, Cling Claik and J C Rector; No. 4 township, S W Robinson; No 6 township, G W Wells; No 7 township, W B Roberts; No 8 township, W R Plemons, J A Martin; No 9 township, S T Rector, J J Fitzgerald and C W Clark; No 10 township, W G Rice, T J Wallu; No 16 township, J R Holcombe.

Ordered by the Board, that Sarah Colwell be allowed \$3 00 pauper.

Ordered by the Board, that R A Henderson be allowed \$02.10 keeping jail.

Ordered by the Board that C B Mashburn be allowed \$7.55 fees and half fees.

Ordered by the Board that John Saul be allowed \$10.00 for killing 2 wildcats.

Ordered by the Board that W W McPeters be allowed \$5.00 for burial expenses, pauper, Rachael Buckner.

Ordered by the Board that J K Hardwicke be allowed \$10.00, Co-Supt. of Health.

Ordered by the Board that Len Henderson be allowed \$123.78 for keeping paupers for Nov.

Ordered by the Board that Len Henderson be allowed \$182.60 for Dec. 1901.

Ordered by the Board that F. Roberts be allowed \$6.25 stationery for Register's office.

Ordered by the Board that F. Roberts be allowed \$2.15 lumber for jail.

Ordered by the Board that Ira Plemons be allowed \$5.00 services as County Commissioner.

Ordered by the Board that V B Davis be allowed \$2.50 for postage for soldiers' vouchers.

Ordered by the Board that Wm S Rice be allowed \$5.40 services as County Commissioner.

Ordered by the Board, that M Ball be allowed \$9.80 fees and half fees.

A petition filed November meeting, 1901 by the citizens of No. 1 township, asking that a public road be laid off and established, beginning at the Walnut Creek road and running up the Station branch and to intersect with the public road at the big gate near O. A. Henderson's, and public notice having been given of the filing of said petition; and there being no opposing petition filed, and it appearing that said road is a public necessity. It is hereby ordered that a public road be laid off and established as set forth in said petition filed. It is further ordered that R. S. Ramsey, sheriff of Madison county, summons three disinterested men as jurors to lay off

said road and make their report to this Board at February term, 1902.

Whereas a petition was filed at November meeting, 1901, by the citizens of No. 9 township asking that a public road be laid off and established, beginning at the cop peras mines on Shubin creek and to run the most practical route to Wildcat Gap road, and whereas public notice having been given of the filing of said petition and there being no opposing petition filed and it appearing that said road is a public necessity, it is hereby ordered that a public road be laid off and established as set forth above, as in said petition filed. It is further ordered that R. S. Ramsey, sheriff of Madison county, summons three disinterested men to lay off said road and make their report to this Board at February meeting, 1902.

Whereas a petition was filed at December meeting, 1901, by the citizens of No. 18 township asking that a public road be laid off and established in said township, beginning on Meadow Fork and runs up to Marion Keener Milk Gap, and whereas public notice having been given of the filing of said petition, and there being no opposing petition filed and it appearing that said road is a public necessity. It is hereby ordered that a public road be laid off and established as set forth above as in said petition filed. It is further ordered that R. S. Ramsey, sheriff of Madison county, summons three disinterested men as jurors to lay off said road at February meeting 1902.

Whereas the suit brought by the N. C. Corporation Commissioners against the Southern Railway Co., the W. U. Tel. Co., and others has been compromised and settled, and whereas the N. C. Corporation Commissioners has notified this county of the value of the property of said Companies in this county for the years 1899, 1900 and 1901 as follows: Southern Ry. Co., for

1899, \$346441.34, 1900 \$346482.74.

It is therefore ordered that the Western Union Telegraph Company be charged with \$40.40 additional tax for the years 1899 and 1900, and it is further ordered that the Southern Railway Company be granted a rebate of \$59.75 as a result of the termination of said suit reducing the value of the Railway Company's property.

Ordered by the Board that the following parties be released of their poll tax for the year 1901: W. H. Fisher, H. E. Balding, W. J. Balding, Henry Smeller, D. J. Plemons, Robert Davis, Charley Beaver, B. M. Davis, F. M. Roberts and Reuben Metcalf.

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"Where else does it go to, Mary?" "Why, it runs all over creation. It spreads out like a great fan all over the South to New Orleans, Florida, St. Louis and Atlanta."  
"Give me some of the cities the Southern goes through, Mary."  
"Why, from Virginia it goes through North Carolina and the orange groves; it goes through Greensboro, Charlotte, Sumnerville and Charlotte, where the great Exhibition is, and then to Savannah, with its grand old Spence Yards. From Savannah it runs to Brunswick, Ga., then to Jacksonville, Fla., then to St. Augustine, with its palm trees, and the down into the orange groves of Florida, where, after shooting a few alligators, you're on a ferry across to Havana and see Eorro Castle and the waken maine. Here you can pick bananas while you watch the pretty Spanish girls as they play their guitars and sing love-sick cavalliers through the iron gates."

"Where else does it run, Mary?" "Why, to Memphis and West. Then it goes to Birmingham and Chattanooga, with its lookout mountains, where hunters to get among the clouds. From Chattanooga," continued Mary, pointing on the map you see the Southern runs eastward to Atlanta and to Cincinnati, St. Louis Chicago Cleveland Detroit and Pittsburgh. But the Southern don't have its own track north of Cincinnati does it Mary? No but they send out their wonderful Florida Special from Chicago over the Big 4. It's a D and it carries and try run through to Jacksonville from Cleveland and Pittsburgh to Jacksonville. But that Southern's Pullman Limited that ties from New York to St. Augustine Augusta Bon Air and Alben said Mary enthusiastically and the Southern's fier that flies to the land of the sky like a cannon ball from New York to Asheville Nashville Atlanta Mobile and New Orleans where you can see the lavishing Greek girls with their goo goo eyes and....."

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1901.

SCHOOL FUND.

Dec. 1st, to bal forward	\$ 212	\$2897.46
By paid W. G. Price	26 00	
" J E Wells	2 40	
" R C Allman	4.29	
" James Haynie	19 94	
" Pansy Murray	26 40	
" Hattie Wilds	6 82	
" S J Peak	27 66	
" John Gardner	27 47	
" Florence Bradburn	75 00	
" Vanna Lee McLean	25 00	
" Minnie Lydia	2 50	
" Zade Rash	25 00	
" Lucy Warne	25 00	
" Nora Roberts	2 22	
" S W Angel	3 98	
" Redman & Ramsey	7 50	
" A W Arrowood	25 00	
" H D Waldroup	41 11	
" Winston Rice	96 65	
" W V Farmer	28 50	
" L D Edwards	30 00	
" W Hickam	33 33	
" W A Croe	35 87	
" Eumms English	429 00	
" Sue Gridstaff	25 00	
" Ed Connor	19 63	
" J B Baley	25 00	
" J W Goldsmith	23 50	
" Eugene McPeters	31 00	
" Guy V Roberts	36 84	
" M B Reeves	58 49	
" Lula N Allen	55 67	
" H K Lewis	14 31	
" Ella E. Allen	919 18	
Total	\$ 1081 23	
By paid J M James	106 80	
" " " postage	5 24	
Total paid out	\$1081 23	\$1081 23
Bal. on hand January 1st, 1902.		\$1860 31

December 1st, Bal on hand	\$ 4 48	\$394 90
Paid Anderson Bros	1 00	
Paid D F Freeman	1 00	
Total	\$ 6 48	\$ 401 38
January 1st, to bal on hand		\$394 90

December 1, to bal on hand	\$ 53 25	\$ 53 25
Collected of Magistrates	1 00	
January 1st, 1902		\$ 54 25

December 1st, bal on hand	77 00	
January 1st, bal on hand	77 00	

December 1st, bal on hand	125 24	
January 1st, bal on hand	125 24	

December 1st, bal on hand	710 00	
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FRANK ROBERTS, Co. Treasurer

8 lbs Coffee for 1.00  
2 lbs Soda for 5c  
16 lbs Sugar for 1.00  
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