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BONDS

The clipping from the Asheville Citizen in this weeks issue shows what the outside world thinks of Madison Counties issuing bonds for the improvement of public roads. All most all of the progressive Counties in the State are building good roads and we are glad to see that our county is joining in the March of progress. The Counties like Buncombe, Mecklenburg and Guilford that have issued bonds and built good roads are now reaping the reward for their foresight in this matter. The present tax rate in Madison County is almost as high as any other County in the State, and yet we have the worst roads. The Counties that have good roads and have bonded have a much lower tax rate. The good roads will enable people to come in our county and find out something about our great natural resources, and in this way wealth will flow to us and taxes decrease. No one can dispute the advantages of good roads.

The Highway Commission of Madison under the law must give to each township in the County its proportional part of the money coming from the bond issue. In this way a system of good roads can be built up that will connect the different parts of the County. This will not only build up and develope the whole county in a material way, but it will enable the citizens of the different sections to enjoy greater social priviliges and make life more enjoyable.

The Highway Commission will hold its meetings in the court room in Marshall, and these meetings will be wide open to the public and every man will be heard who has anything to say for the betterment of the County.

We feel that there is better things for our county in the future, and we hope that every loyal citizen will aid the Highway commissioners in every way possible.

Lecture Course.

It is time to think of a lecture course for Marshall, for next winter. The past winter has been one without anything taking place. Even the usual social events were not held and the lack has been felt. We do hope next winter may see the lecture course re-organized and that we may have something to go to. There is an objection often offered that the price is high, but if more persons would subscribe for tickets the price would be lower. The News-Record would do anything to help along this which to a certain extent gives tone to our community and places us with the better class of towns and cities. Why not strive for a lecture course next year and have also something for local talent to do and see if we cannot liven up the community.

Rectification.

The News-Record delights in making rectification of error in news.

What was considered as good authority brought us the news of the death of Mr. Dolph Payne and Paul Tweed and we published this news. Later it was found out that this was incorrect and The News-Record gladly begs pardon and wishes the persons concerned long life and happiness and that many years may elapse before such news appears again in this paper as true.

MADISON VOTES FOR GOOD ROADS BONDS

WILL ISSUE BONDS TO AMOUNT OF $300,000.

Work Will Be Started Within the Very Near Future—Commissioners' Meeting Largely Attended.

MARSHALL, N. C., April 21.—This was a great day for the good roads enthusiasts of Madison county, the members of the board of commissioners having decided to issue bonds to the amount of $300,000 for use in good roads work. For the past several weeks, Madison county believers in improved highways have been working for a bond issue, and the news that the commissioners voted for the issue will be learned with a great deal of interest in all parts of the county.

People from all parts of the county were here for the commissioner's meeting and the gathering was attended by several hundred people, practically all of whom were in favor of the issuance of bonds. The early morning train brought scores of visitors from Hot Springs and buggies, automobiles and wagons were used by others who were desirous of attending the meeting, hearing the final arguments in favor of the bond issue and called for. Sentiment was strong for the issuance of the bonds and the speakers who appeared before the members of the board of commissioners were greeted with rounds of applause as they pleaded for the passage of the bond issue. The three members of the board were present: W. C. Sprinkles, R. A. Edwards, and R. A. Tweed.

Following the decision of the commissioners the following telegram was sent by Guy Roberts to State Geologist Joseph Hyde Pratt: "A bond issue for $300,000 passed. Want at least sixty convicts immediately."

In accordance with an act passed at the recent session of the general assembly, state convicts will be put to work on the roads by the first of June, Dr. Pratt having announced that he will send surveyors to Madison county during the early part of May. That portion of the central highway, extending from from Buncombe county line to the Tennessee line will be completed and other roads will be construed throughout the county.

Following the decision of the commissioners to issue the bonds for a fund for the construction of good roads. Ed. Rumbough the owner of the Mountain Park hotel at Hot Springs announced that he will spend the sum of $50,000 on improvements to that hotel. Mr. Rumbough was an active supporter of the bond issue.—Asheville Citizen.

Mr. Bryan's Religious Work.

That the Secretary of State is "a force for moral and religious life quite beyond any other man among his fifty thousand fellow citizens," is asserted without qualification by a clergyman of Lincoln, Neb. Mr. Bryan is a case of the prophet honored at home. He is a "model as a citizen and as a neighbor." He seems to have been a normally developed Christian boy, says the Rev. Thomas M. Shipherd in *The Congregationalist* (Boston.) At fourteen he declared his faith, and from that time till now he has worked at this profession as he was given to understand it. We read:

"His has been an intuitive and positive faith. His interest in religion has been intellectual only as he has found arguments to buttress the faith that was in him.

"For him there are no intellectual difficulties—the soul of religion in its simplest forms was in him and is unshaken to this day. Doubt seems never to have dwelt in him, as is the case with many men. His participation in church work and life does not suffer vacation moods. He gives a tenth of his income to the work of the Kigdom. He has probably given more money, quietly and without special urging, to church building enterprises in the city of Lincoln than any other citizen. He has done this in a way that has kept the fact from public knowledge.

"It is with undisguised pride that he will tell you that he holds the membership of longest continous standing in the local Y. M. C. A. He keeps in the building a room which he uses very occasionally and which he provides as a guest-room at the disposal of the association. Not only have a great number of the religious organizations benefited by his generosity, but every public enterprise of importance appeals first to Mr. Bryan.

"So far as one can discover, Mr. Bryan has no spendthrift habits save that of the beneficient citizen and the tithing Christian. No more unassuming citizen walks the streets of Lincoln or rides in its street-cars. There seems to be no craving for luxury, no concern for pretense. He is as open to approach as an unspoiled child. As he has a feeling for an audience and an intuition that guides him to a response from it, so he has a feeling for an individual and comes into sure comradeship with individuals. There is more than shallow policy, for herein lies the genius of the man, he is infected with an unyielding interest in folks. He is a good fellow because he likes fellows as he likes nothing else."

Mr. Bryan is a Presbyterian, but the little Methodist Church near his home at Normal often sees him. "His tolerably wide hand shaking experienbe has not wearied or sickened him of plain folks." He is ever ready to defend the proposition, that the small village church is an intitution more valuable, more Christian, than the stately, pretentious chilled city church. Further:

"The children were brougt up in the little neighborhood church; the mother long had a class of young people in the Bible school. One child has since become an Episcopalian and one a Congregationalist, while Mr. and Mrs. Bryan give their immediate support to the Westminister Presbyterian Church in South Lincoln that they may aid the new enterprise that went out from the mother church down town.

"In the establishment of a university pastorate by the Presbyterian Church three years ago, Mr. Bryan was a prime mover and a chief supporter. His word at the Congregational conference last year was effective in starting some of the slower brethren to the same end, and so the establishment of a university pastor for Congregational students at the State school is in a measure due to his influence.

"It is probably true that the Presbyterian Church at large would name him as their first layman, and yet he is like the laymen generally in this part of the country, he has no absorbed or exclusive interest in the Presbyterian Church as such. He is first a Presbyterian because this Church was his *alma mater*, but his prime interest is in the Kingdom and the Kingdom motive."

Educational Conference Opens Today.

Richmond, Va., April 14.—While the first session of the conference for education in the south does not begin until Wednesday morning, hundreds of delegates arrived today to attend meetings of various departments and groups. A letter was received from Robert C. Ogden, of New York, president of the conference, stating that he would be unable to attend, and indicating a desire to have some other members elected in his place. Executive officers replied that he will be elected again by unanimous vote. Fourteen seperate bodies, each of school workers, will meet tomorrow.

This is the meeting to which Prof. Buckner has gone and it promises to be a very fine one.

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Furniture, Coffins and Caskets.—P. V. Rector.

To the editor News-Record:—

In the way of explanation of the bill providing for a Recorder's Court for Madison County and also in answer to an open letter by Mr. Pritchard addressed to the County Commissioners and published in your columns last week, I beg to say:

First. The bill was not passed at the suggestion of any lawyer or number of lawyers from the Marshall bar. A great many of such bills was being passed by the representatives of various counties and finally toward the end of the session Mr. Rector and myself took the matter up for investigation and learned that a great number of the counties in the state already had such courts and that they were working well and that the people were greatly pleased with them and that Transylvania County had requested their representative to create such a court and he had done so and it being too late for us to confer with the people at home, we passed the act leaving it in the discretion of the County Commissioners to establish it.

Second. On the first Monday of April, while the Commissioners were in session some of the members of the bar that had read the bill which the Secretary of State had sent to the Board called the bar together in Mr. McElroy's office and Mr. Pritchard was sent for and together we discussed the advisability of recommending to the Commissioners that the court be established under the bill and no advantage was taken of anyone whatever.

Third. It was the opinion of most if not all the lawyers at the meeting that it would be a great saving to the county in the way of court costs, in that it would give a speedy trial to all violaters of the law and dispense with the necessity of anyone laying in jail from five to six months awalting their trial.

I think anyone who reads the account will come to the conclusion the court would be a great saving to the county in the way of jail and court cost.

C. B. MASHBURN

Report of Condition of THE BANK OF FRENCH BROAD

At Marshall in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, April 4th, 1913.

Resources

Loans and Discounts	$145,756.01
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	177.46
All other Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages	1,600.00
Banking House and Fixtures	5000.00
All other real estate owned	4,287.51
Due from Banks & Bankers	31,767.07
Cash Items	2,075.98
Gold coin	735.00
Silver coin & minor currency	744.57
National Bank Notes and other U. S. notes	7,777.00
Total	$199,920.60

Liabilities

Capital Stock	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	18,632.09
Bills payable	5,000.00
Deposits subject to check	50,053.0
Demand certificates of deposit	100,011.77
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,223.70
Total	199,920.60

State of North Carolina, Conty of Madison ss.

I, W. B. Ramsey, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. B. RAMSEY, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 14th day of April 1913.

J. W. NELSON, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

J. J. Redmon,
Frank Roberts,
Thos. N. James,
Directors.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrtor of the estate of Henry Worley, deceased, late of Madison County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned, on or before the 25th day of April 1914, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This April 23rd, 1913.

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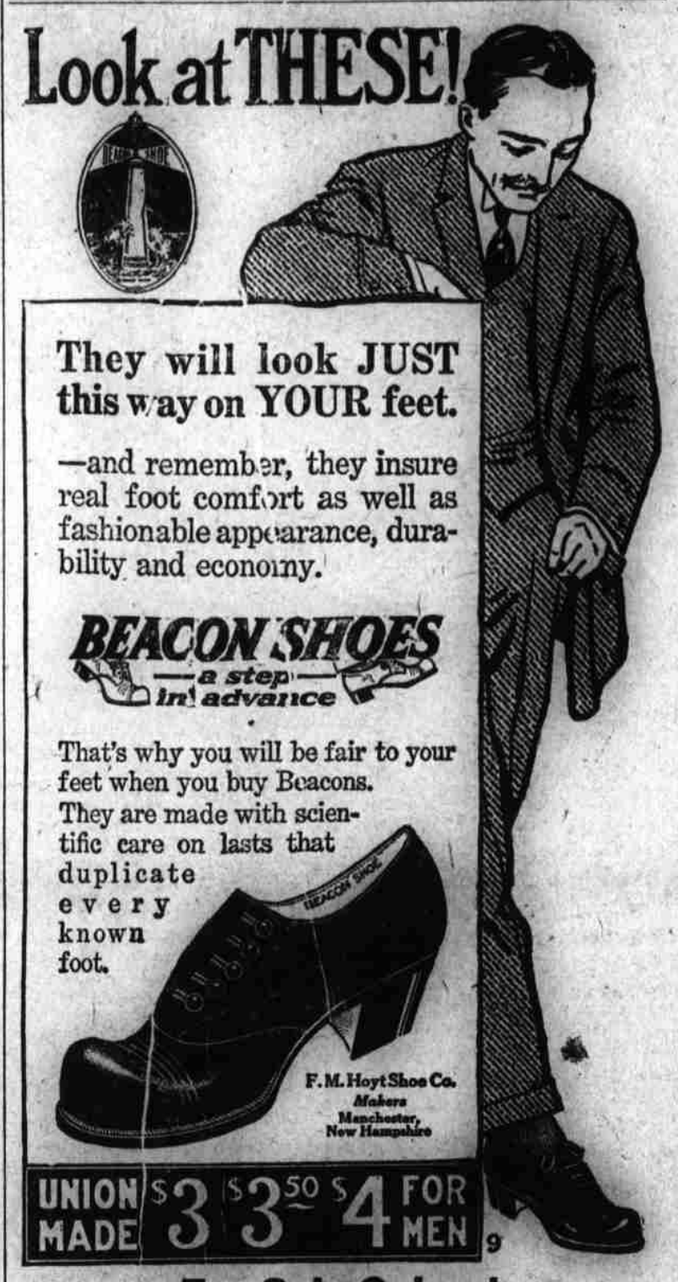

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