

Turnpike Committee.

The undersigned committee appointed by you to inspect the Macadam roads of Gaston, Mecklenburg and Iredell counties beg leave to report as follows:

After discussing the possibilities of gaining the desired information at each place, we decided to visit Mecklenburg first and then be guided by circumstances.

It was our good fortune to meet Mr. Spoon in Hickory and ride with him to Statesville. Laying aside our usual modesty, we plied him with questions all the way and he gave us a great deal of information about engineers, contractors and road builders in general. The general principles laid down by him we found to be in full accord with those of Captain Stowe, the Civil Engineer who has been in charge of all the work done in Mecklenburg and Gaston counties.

We called on Captain Stowe Monday afternoon and as soon as we learned our business, he dropped his work and devoted himself to us until we started home Tuesday night.

We wish to say right here that it has never been our pleasure to meet a more courteous and obliging gentleman than Capt. Stowe.

On Tuesday morning an automobile was secured and he showed us about 75 miles of the famous "Mecklenburg Roads," bridges and culverts, and we can say very truthfully that "the half had not been told." The progress in macadam road building was very clearly shown by comparisons, side by side, of the first work done, twelve years ago, with that finished this summer.

Roads finished at various times during this period were seen, and the amount and cost of repairs in each instance fully discussed. To show what Capt. Stowe and the County Commissioners of Mecklenburg think of this comparison we have only to say they have plowed up and rebuilt some of their roads, and are preparing to abandon entirely some others and re-locate them.

This is not done for looks, or because they think they have more money than they need, but simply because they figure a saving of dollars and cents in repairs. Experience has taught them that, while the first cost of building right is greater, it is cheaper in the long run, besides giving better service to traffic.

Before going to Charlotte this Committee had an idea, which is no doubt held by a great many who have not investigated the matter, that a road twenty feet wide giving a dirt track ten feet, would be all that is necessary in your undertaking. We are now firmly convinced that this idea is wrong, and that it would be a fatal mistake for this company to build a road of that width.

For a double track road Capt. Stowe is building nothing less than 35 feet, and he showed us conclusively that a single track Macadam road should not be less than 24 feet. Of this width 12 feet is Macadam, and two feet for ditches.

The 12 feet of Macadam is absolutely necessary in order to allow the traffic to shift and prevent cutting ruts.

This is one of things we would not believe until we saw one of their oldest roads with Macadam

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only ten feet wide.

Some of the fixed and unvarying rules observed by Capt. Stowe in building the Mecklenburg roads are as follows:

1. Road to be properly located, with respect to the contour of the country through which it is to pass, by a competent experienced Engineer, with no grade over 5 per cent, preferably not over 3 or 4 per cent.

2. No stone larger than will pass through a 2 1/2 or 3 inch ring to be used at all.

3. No water whatever to be allowed on the road except what falls on the roadbed proper, and this water to be confined to the side ditches and disposed of at the first opportunity.

All with whom we talked agreed that a road of the kind you propose to build, will be the biggest advertisement and result in greater benefit to this whole section of country than anything else we could undertake.

The committee realizes fully that this report is incomplete in many respects, and fails to convey to you all the impressions received while on the ground.

We hope therefore that you will ask any questions you wish and we will endeavor to answer to the best of our ability.

In conclusion we wish to thank you for a trip which was one of unmingled pleasure, from beginning to end, to us, and we hope will result in some good to the Lenoir & Blowing Rock Turnpike which we fully expect to use next summer.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lenoir, N. C., September 10, '09.

Southern Baptist Convention.

Baltimore Sun.

Baptists in this city say that the next convention of Baptists, to be held at the Lyric, this city next May, with 5,000 delegates, representing 2,000,000 white Baptists living in the southern states, will be the largest ever held. Arrangements will be soon started for the event.

The Southern Baptist Convention is a missionary body, which holds annual meetings for the purpose of discussing topics relative to mission work both in this country and abroad. The last convention was held at Louisville, Ky. Following the arguments on the principal work of the church, convention the Laymen's Missionary Movement idea will be discussed.

President Taft has expressed himself as interested in the laymen's movement, which is a part of the effort to "preach the Gospel to every creature within the next twenty-five years." Those in the movement have divided the country into sixty-five districts, in each of which there is a large city as a center of operations.

A convention will be held in Washington in the near future, opening with a banquet on November 19th.

A group of Northern investors, represented by Peck, Shields & Clarke, of Philadelphia, have recently purchased 51,000 acres of timber land in Jackson county, North Carolina, on which there is a fine body of oak, poplar, chestnut and other woods.

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A Convention With an Object.

Charlotte Chronicle.

Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist, has issued a circular giving details of the Southern Appalachian Good Roads convention, to be held in Asheville, on October 5th to 7th. This convention, it seems, is to follow up the work of the Highway Division of the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey, which for the past six weeks, has been holding a series of good roads meetings throughout the various counties in western North Carolina. At the Appalachian meeting an address will be made by Governor Kitchin. Governor M. F. Ansel, of South Carolina, by Governor Malcolm R. Patterson, of Tennessee, by Congressman John S. Grant; by Hon. P. St. J. Wilson, State Highway Commissioner of Virginia. Hon. E. J. Watson, Commissioner of Agriculture of South Carolina, Hon. W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture of North Carolina. How good roads will build up the country will be discussed by Hon. Logan Waller Page, Director of the United States Office of Public Roads, or some member from that office. The construction of sand clay and gravel roads will be thoroughly discussed by Mr. W. L. Spoon, Highway Engineer of North Carolina.

Other speakers, among them Mr. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, are expected. Dr. Pratt says that on Tuesday, the work of the convention will deal especially with roads construction in the various counties and an attempt will be made to provide ways and means to make it possible to have surveyed out the system of roads that is advocated by the convention. It is expected that the county and road commissioners will thoroughly discuss the road situation in their counties, with the result that it will be possible for the counties to take a united action in the construction of this system of good roads; so that instead of having isolated pieces of good roads, we will have the good roads in one county connected with those in another. And this is a very desirable end to work for. The construction of 200 to 300 miles of such improved roads, says Dr. Pratt, is not an idle dream, and by united action of the different counties, it can become, within a very short time, an assured fact. Not only are the specially appointed delegates invited to this convention, but any and everyone who may be interested in good roads is cordially invited to attend.

Charlotte and the County Roads.

Spartanburg Journal.

Look at the conditions in Charlotte. One account of the fine roads of Mecklenburg county is that the people of that county have free and unrestricted access to Charlotte every day in the year. One of the results of this is that Charlotte is one of the best retail points in the South. There is a never ceasing demand for merchandise there that has built up many large and prosperous business houses. The tax that the business men pay for good roads is a mere bagatelle compared with the immense benefits they derive from it. The value of good roads has been demonstrated to the business men of Charlotte.

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Announcement Foot Hills Sanatorium.

We take pleasure in announcing to the medical profession and the public in general that we will open Sept. 10, 1909, the Foot Hills Sanatorium in the town of Lenoir for the treatment of all diseases save tuberculosis.

The medical staff consists of the physicians of the town of Lenoir who will treat diseases in which they are specialized, and will constitute the consulting staff, assisting each other in their special work.

We offer the institution to the medical profession and laymen of Caldwell County and surrounding country to bring their patients to treat, or have them treated, as they desire.

We have made arrangements with several leading surgeons in and out of the State so that any patient may have the surgeon of his choice.

The hospital will be in charge of a special trained nurse and a corps of assistants, who will have exclusive charge of the building. Any one entering the hospital will inform the head nurse who will assign him to his room and call the physician desired. All charges are payable weekly, in advance to the head nurse.

LOCATION.

Foot Hills Sanatorium is located in the beautiful little town of Lenoir. Lenoir is situated among the foot-hills of the Blue Ridge, and is the Northern terminus of the Carolina & North Western Railway, and is also the Southern terminus of the Caldwell & Northern. It is in the heart of one of the most beautiful sections of Western North Carolina. It has an elevation of twelve hundred feet and a population of four thousand.

The Sanatorium building and grounds occupy an area of nearly eight acres in extent, and are distant only one half mile east of the square in the corporate limits. The site is an elevated one, from which may be seen Mt. Hibernia, 2,200 feet above sea level, Grandfather, Table Rock, Hawk's Hill and other beautiful peaks which abound in this section. The sanatorium building is a solid brick structure, two stories high, well lighted by electricity and heated by hot water and has large and commodious rooms for patients. Besides it is provided with all necessities and conveniences required by a first class hospital retreat. It is an ideal place for rest and recuperation. The climate is remarkably cool and bracing. In fact it is not surpassed by any of its kind in North Carolina.

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What Dropping Water Can Do. Fire Caused by Sun's Rays. One of the Chinese modes of punishment is to place the culprit where a drop of water will fall on his head for hours, or even for days if he can stand it so long. The torture thus inflicted is proved by an experience that Col. Fred Burnaby had in Vienna several years ago. A school teacher bet him that he would not be able to let a pint of water, drop by drop, fall on his head. Burnaby laughed at the very idea of his not being able to stand it, and the test began. Although the strong man talked and jested gaily at first, it was not long before he began to show signs of distress. At about the two hundredth drop—for the school teacher kept tally—an expression of pain crossed his face. When the third hundred had been entered his hand began to swell and grow red. Then the skin burst and the pain grew more and more excruciating. Finally, at the 420th drop, Burnaby gave up and acknowledged him beaten. Do We see Our Wives as Others see 'Em? First Straphanger (in a whisper)—"Why did you give that woman your seat? She isn't bundle-laden, tired, or pretty, or even polite." Second Straphanger—"Well—er—you see—she is my wife."