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AN APPEAL FOR ANIMALS.

A Valued Contributor Suggests The Formation of a Humane Society.

Editor News: We are asking you to take the initiative in forming a Human Society for the protection of our dumb friends, especially the horses. We consider Lenoir a progressive town of course. Our gentlemen have their societies "ad infinitum" and the ladies have their literary, musical and betterment organizations, which are all right for they promote sociability and public spirit, but for some reason no one has thought of our poor dumb beasts. One can not walk far in any direction without seeing and feeling the terrible brutality and cruelty these faithful animals receive from the hands of their masters or drivers. Loaded often beyond their strength, they are beaten and abused when they are pulling with all their might, every muscle strained almost to the breaking point and often falling to their knees, their very bodies on the ground and yet beaten unmercifully. May God have mercy on their souls, we can not! We tell you Mr. Editor the treatment our "poor Beasts" receive will keep many a man out of Heaven. We see this often on the streets of Lenoir yet no hand is raised, no protest made and just so far, as we have done nothing to stop it, we are responsible. It is simply criminal to neglect this duty longer, so we are calling on you Mr. Editor, as we have to do, in all good works, to take the right steps to organize a humane society, get a charter from the Legislature if necessary, which will give every member of the society the authority to arrest every driver who over loads or works a sick or lame animal. Then too, we should require them to house their stock in the weather and to see that they are properly fed and watered, and blanketed when the weather is cold. Our kind hearted public spirited men will take hold of this with you, I feel sure, if only their attention is called to it, as will all our ministers, teachers, women and children. The children of the schools are having or will have their attention called to this and mercy to the patient useful animals. We are leaving this on your hands Mr. Editor. W.

The Best Yet.

The coming attraction at the Graded School Auditorium, The Chicago Ladies Orchestra Co. presents the highest and best entertainment in Lenoir. We feel sure that Lenoir people have not had the opportunity of having such a good company and therefore can't afford to miss this one. Elias Day says they are the best company traveling. They present popular music at its best with sketch work and individual work and reading. This company has traveled together for eleven years and know thoroughly what an audience expects of them. Let us insist that you hear this noted company and if it is not worth the price your money can be had at the door after the show. Adv.

Men are like trees; they grow either crooked or straight.

Nature generates facts, but fiction is manufactured by man.

Taxpayers Getting Heard.

(Charlotte Observer.)

Governor William Sulzer of New York strikes what is beginning to be a popular note when he urges more economy and efficiency in government as a need of the times. When he was Speaker at Albany 19 years ago the appropriations for State purposes were \$13,000,000. Now he finds the estimate for next year no less than \$33,000,000. "We must keep down the expenditures for the State Government to the minimum," comments Mr. Sulzer. "If we do not the State will have to go into bankruptcy or direct taxes will have to be levied, which will become unbearable to the citizens."

It is the same story every where. Expenditures for State and Federal purposes have multiplied at a fearful rate, half a dozen offices growing where one grew before and where two at most would serve the ends of government equally well. The average attitude of our politicians is indicated by their opposition to commission government in cities, and the need of the change which commission government embodies is indicated by its rapid spread notwithstanding all that the majority of them can do. Taxpayers are no longer as indifferent as they were before. They could not afford to be. It has become obviously necessary that they take a hand to save themselves from being simply tax eaten alive. Matters have gone so far now that if no remedy is applied we shall witness wholesale destruction of public credit, with bankruptcy avoidable only by a confiscatory tax. How much longer can expenditure go on doubling every few years? If it goes on for another generation we shall have private property suffering to an extent which even the more moderate Socialists do not propose. Government will have become an all devouring monster. This is no prospect in the dim distance. It is one to be faced and faced now.

When so keen and discerning and ambitious a public man as Governor Sulzer calls a halt on extravagance in government we may feel sure that it has become a live issue indeed, with large opportunities for popularity as well as for service on the side of men who will take this stand. Present burdens are greatly aggravated where, as in North Carolina, preposterous inequalities in taxation and the distribution of revenues exist between units of government, the counties out side town limits heavily riding the towns. And here we already have the direct State taxes which Mr. Sulzer holds over New York State people's heads as an alarming possibility; we have them good and hard, besides taxes upon every urban occupation or business activity under the sun. With all that we are \$750,000 in the hole right now. When, therefore, proposals are made before the Legislature for the State to assume new or tremendously extended burdens in local taxation's natural sphere there should be serious thought upon these things.

A boy may not be very strong with his shoes, but a box of shoe polish will sometimes last him a year.

A man gets too old for a great many things, but the ability to make a fool of himself is never outgrown.

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

Of course, it is a fact, we suppose, that North Carolina has a greater percentage of illiteracy than any other state in the union except New Mexico, but we think it comes with mighty poor grace from Democratic papers to be continually "throwing it up" to the people of the state. Wilkes patriot.

We learn that the Waldensian Hosiery Mill at Valdese is being doubled, while stone walls have replaced those of wood. The entire building is being electrically lighted and when completed it will be modern in all particulars. It affords The Messenger a great deal of pleasure to note the success of this concern, which is running on full time and has more orders than it can fill. Morganton Messenger.

The Valle Crucis Industrial School is installing an up to date electric lighting plant. Already the pipes and dynamos have been shipped through Elk Park. This school is just a little in advance of the Lee McRae Institute at Banner Elk, which expects to install a similar plant next summer, the rough work of making water power having about been started and partly completed this summer. Avery County Vm.

Raleigh, Jan. 16. An anti-trust bill guaranteed to have "teeth" by ex-Speaker E. J. Justice, and a bill by Kellum of New Hanover to put water power, electric and gas companies under rate control by the Corporation Commission were especially important bills introduced in the House today. Mr. Justice's bill makes it unlawful for any person or corporation to enter into any contract, or have any combination in the form of a trust or otherwise, or conspiracy in restraint of trade, and makes violation of this provision a misdemeanor, and any person acting as the agent of a corporation in violation of this provision is as guilty as if acting for himself, and the fine on any corporation cannot be less than \$1,000, each week's violation being a separate offense.

Respite Granted.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 16. After a brief conference with counsel for Floyd Allen and Claude Swanson Allen, condemned to die tomorrow for their part in the Hillsville court house murder on March 14 last, Governor Mann today granted the prisoners a respite until March 7. The Governor announced that on February 1 he would give the Allen sympathizers one hour, in which to present their argument for a commutation of sentence. Allen and his son were visibly affected and relieved when informed this afternoon that another delay had been secured by their lawyers and friends.

A Pittsburg woman stole \$20 and placed it under a pillow in her month. She was discovered. The teeth proved false.

Some men would like to break their record, but can find no place to hide the pieces.

Even the laziest of men can always see some work the other fellow ought to do.

GOOD ROADS MEETING.

H. B. Varner Makes Practical Address. Plans for County Organization.

The Good Roads mass meeting held here last Saturday was very well attended considering the unfavorable weather and little notice given the matter. Mr. H. B. Varner, President of the North Carolina Good Roads Association was present and addressed the meeting. Mr. Varner is thoroughly informed in regard to road construction, being editor of Southern Good Roads, one of the leading road magazines of the country and has given the subject much study from every standpoint. He discussed every feature of road construction, or rather the providing of funds for the work, the direct tax plan, the township bond issue plan and the county bond issue plan. All of them have been tried in North Carolina and the county bond issue plan is the only one that has worked satisfactorily. Mecklenburg county, being a large and wealthy county has the direct tax plan and has been building roads under it for forty years also using a chain gang working many convicts from other parts of the state as well as her own and while she has more miles of good road than any county in the state the plan has not been satisfactory. Other counties, Guilford in particular have adopted the bond issue plan and have proven it to be far superior to the direct tax plan. Guilford began good roads work about eight years ago and now has the finest system of roads in the state. Since the commencement of the work the population of the county has increased from 33,000 to over 60,000 and the taxable value of property has increased from little over \$9,000,000 in 1900 to nearly \$25,000,000 in 1910.

This increase in property not only decreases the tax rate, but provide funds for continuing the good work in addition to raising the money necessary to pay the bond tax and build up the sinking fund. Mr. Varner discussed the construction of roads and said that the sand, clay, gravel and top soil roads has superior to macadam and were very superior to it as well as much cheaper to construct.

After Mr. Varner's address, the following resolution was adopted. That the chairman appoint a committee of three to draw a bill for a bond issue of \$200,000 for making roads in Caldwell county, the bill to conform to the General Road Law of the state if possible, but to draw the bill for the bond issue anyway.

Resolved, second that a majority of the votes cast at any election on the question, shall be sufficient to carry or defeat the question.

Resolved third, that the bill carry a provision in case the measure be defeated at any election, the county commissioners shall, upon the petition of 10 per cent of the voters voting in said election, call another election on the same question, within three months. The chairman appointed as this committee: J. W. C. Newland, G. O. Shakespeare and W. J. Whistman. A resolution was then passed that two more names be added to the township committee who were appointed at a former meeting and that those

A Deserved Tribute.

(News and Observer.)

That was a very handsome and deserved tribute paid by the senate to the retiring Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. W. C. Newland. Governor Newland has represented his county several times in the house and in 1908 was elected lieutenant-governor. As legislator and as presiding officer of the senate and in the other public positions of honor and responsibility which he has held Governor Newland has won the approval and regard of the people of North Carolina. Of fine presence, the personification of courtesy, able as a parliamentarian, he has presided over the senate with dignity and ability and the tribute paid to him by the senators was well deserved. The resolution introduced by Senator Thorne, of Nash, received the unanimous vote of the senate, and Senator Grant, of Davie, Republican, voiced the sentiment of his party in joining with the Democrats in their warm eulogy of the courteous and impartial presiding officer.

Leaves \$4000 In Gold.

(Times Mercury.)

Mr. David Zimmerman, a farmer of Burke, died last week. He owned a farm, stock, tools, etc. Besides, he was a great saver of money, especially gold. Not having any children, he willed all his property to Edgar Townsend, with the one provision, that is to take care of his wife as long as she will live with him. If she leaves him, it is his. He told them where he had his gold hid. They found it. There was \$4000 of it. Besides, they found \$500 of other money in his pocket making in all \$4,500.00.

five members from each township in the county be requested to meet in Lenoir on February 3rd the first Monday and organize a County Good Roads Association. The following named gentlemen constitute those committees and they are urged to enlist all the people of their communities in the good work and on the day for the organization have a big and enthusiastic crowd present.

Glenn, John B. Graug, Z. V. Holloway, F. P. Curtis, W. B. Estes and J. R. McLean.

Hudson, P. M. Thronburg, C. E. Conley, J. P. Herman, John Lingle, W. H. Hartley, John River, C. M. Rader, C. H. Holloway, Ernest L. Perkins, R. C. Houck, Otis Estes.

Kings Creek, A. W. Laxton, J. T. Parlier, R. O. Teague, J. A. Raby, T. D. Ernest.

Lenoir, L. H. Tuttle, C. A. Little, J. R. Ervin, H. C. Martin, J. W. Whisnant.

Little River, Marcus Smith, Fred Deal, D. C. Flowers, J. F. Steele, F. M. Whitener.

Lower Creek, J. M. Bernhardt, R. G. Thompson, G. O. Shakespeare, T. H. Broyhill, J. L. Beach.

Lovelady, J. M. Alfred, J. L. Hayes, D. H. Warlick, Henry Maeke, Walter Taylor.

North Catawba, W. M. Smith, J. M. Clarke, R. B. Buss, J. A. Grubbs, Walter Evans.

Patterson, J. C. Colley, J. A. Laxton, James Harper, W. A. McCall, R. L. Estell, W. A. Woods.

Wilson's Creek, W. C. Moore, R. L. Hooper, J. F. Cook, W. G. Franklin, Lee Pierce.

Yadkin Valley, H. B. Steele, J. M. Hawkins, B. R. Anderson, R. H. Pipes, E. T. Lenoir.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Items From Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

WATAUGA
(Watauga Democrat.)

Mrs. John Green and little daughter, Grace, who have been very ill for some time are somewhat improved. Truly the family would have been in great distress during the absence of husband and father had it not been for public charity.

The second meeting of the Mens Social Club met on Tuesday of last week and enjoyed a couple of hours of companionship before the biggest open fire place in Blowing Rock, eating apples and swapping yarns, guessing riddles and "smoking the weed"—eighteen present.

Last Sunday was a red letter day for Blowing Rock when Rev. W. C. Jones preached his first sermon in the Methodist church, Rev. W. R. Bradshaw offering prayer and Rev. W. R. Savage making an address of welcome. Methodists, Baptists and Episcopalians uniting in welcoming the young brother, who made a very favorable impression upon a large congregation assembled for worship and to hear the new preacher.

The R. F. D. carriers as well as the carriers of the mails on the star routes in this mountain section, seem to be "up against it," since the parcel post came into effect. We are told that one mail up from Lenoir to Blowing Rock last week weighed 1,400 pounds. To be sure this is a hardship on the carriers, the low price they receive being considered.

Mr. David Burnie, of Boomer, N. C., an experienced fruit grower and a member of the United Fruit Growers' Association, of North Wilkesboro, has been requested to discuss the subject of scientific fruit growing and the proper care of orchards at the next meeting of the Farmers Union to be held in the court house in Boone at 6-30 o'clock next Saturday evening. All who are interested in growing high grade fruit, whether members of the Union or not, are cordially invited to attend. We believe that Western North Carolina is peculiarly favored with climate, soil, geographical location, such as will produce the finest quality and large quantities of fruit of all kinds, and with the coming of the railroad to this section, the farmers and fruit growers will be within easy reach of the largest markets of the world.

Good Roads Means Advancement.

(Albemarle Enterprise.)

This fight for good roads is not a selfish one, that is, it is not for the benefit of the few to the impoverishment of the many. To improve all the public roads in the county means for the uplift of all the people of the county in a social, educational and material sense in this generation, and an ever increasing, beneficial asset for our posterity.

What we need now is not so much theory or prejudice, pro or con, but a judicious observation of good roads, such as they have in Mecklenburg, Guilford, Durham and a few other counties in the state. These counties may or may not be heavily in debt, but suffice it to say that these people are prosperous.