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THAT WHICH IS MORALLY WRONG CANNOT BE POLITICALLY RIGHT.

Capt. M. L. Jones The Pioneer in The Construction of Carolina and Yadkin River Railroad. A Story of His Struggle With The Old Thomasville Denton Road.

To the people who remember Capt. M. L. Jones and his struggles with the "Jones Road" from Thomasville to Denton the following from the *High Point Enterprise* will be of interest. It will be remembered by all Thomasville people that Capt. Jones, a citizen of Thomasville, was the pioneer in the construction of the now talked-about Carolina & Yadkin River Railway:

Some thirty-five years ago Capt. M. L. Jones, then an underground boss at a gold mine, set as the height of his ambition the building and owning of a railroad from Thomasville to Denton. He saw the great agricultural and mineral resources and the vast forests, that were only waiting for a market, (to be developed,) he worked and saved to his goal. This desire was cherished for a quarter of a century before Capt. Jones saw his ambitions materializing and his goal in sight.

In the first part of May, 1905, he started the grading of this road, but stopped in the fall, at Cid, a distance of fourteen miles, on account of the bad winter weather. In the spring of 1906 he resumed the work, and completed the line to Denton, in June of that year.

All of this work was done by Capt. Jones without any outside help, except the gift of practically all of the right of way.

Capt. Jones, feeling the very little encouragement received from those he was trying to help, decided to sell his road, then known as Thomasville and Glenn Anna Railroad. This he did in October, 1908; the purchasers being Messrs. Dee Allen, of Kalamazoo, Mich., and W. T. Brunt, of New York City; the purchasers paying one-half cash and giving a first mortgage on the road for the other one-half. Owing

unable to make a success, and in 1908 it was put in the hands of receivers, and was sold at public auction in June of that year, Capt. Jones being the purchaser.

While Dee Allen and Van Bunt were the owners, this road changed names twice; first the Carolina Glenn Anna & Pee Dee Railway & Development Co.; then to the Carolina Valley Railroad. Under the latter name it was bought by Capt. Jones. He then organized the Piedmont Railway Company, and operated the road under this name until the time of his death; which occurred May 12, 1910. At his death the management fell to his two elder sons, A. E. and J. B. Jones, who operated the road successfully until purchased by the present owners, Messrs. W. N. Coler & Company.

M. L. Jones planted the little acorn and nourished it until it became a sprout; and now that sprout, cultivated by Bird S. Coler and his associates bids fair to be a monstrous oak among the railroads of the Piedmont section.

On June 1, 1912, W. N. Coler & Company, of New York, purchased the Piedmont Railway Company from the Jones estate, and changed the name of the railroad to the Carolina & Yadkin River Railway. The Road at that time extended from Thomasville to Denton, N. C., a distance of twenty-one miles, passing through the towns of Light, Mabel, Gordontown, Cid, and Snider, which ship a large amount of cross ties, chair stock and rough lumber.

Immediately after the purchase, the extension of the road from Denton to High Rock was started. This extension passes through large tracts of virgin oak and pine. The extension from Denton to High Rock was started the latter part of July, 1912, and finished in February, 1913. The construction of this part of the road is of the highest type; maximum grade being one per cent; curvature less than 4 degrees; culverts of cast iron and concrete head-walls; also reinforced box culverts. The two bridges at Little Creek and Lick Creek are of the highest type, same specifications being used as on the Norfolk & Western Railroad, 70 pounds steel rails being used on the new work.

At High Rock a connection was made with the Winston-Salem South-bound Railway and joint track and yards were established.

At the completion of this extension Thomasville enjoyed a direct connection with the Winston-Salem South-bound Railway at High Rock; also with the Norfolk & Western, the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard

Air Line Railways.

The Middle of March the Carolina & Yadkin River Railway started construction on the extension from Thomasville to High Point, passing through a very rich farming community is being pushed with great rapidity, and is of the highest class construction; a "Y" is being installed at Thomasville and also at High Point, connecting the Southern Railway Belt line with the Carolina & Yadkin River Railway.

At the completion of this work High Point is connected directly with the Winston-Salem Southbound, Norfolk & Western, Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line Railways. It will no doubt be of interest to the manufacturers of High Point to know that this road passes through a country where there is approximately 250 million feet of timber within a radius of five miles of the railroad. The company expects to reach all of the important manufacturing establishments, both in Thomasville and High Point in the near future.

As soon as the work was completed to High Point work started on the revision of the line between Thomasville and Denton which will be brought up to the same standard as the new work. C. W. Lane & Co., Inc., railroad contractors, had the contract for building the road, supervision and engineering being done by W. N. Coler & Co., Engineering Department, which has offices in High Point.

Regular trains are now operated daily between High Point and High Rock.

Out of the Ordinary

Is Sanger's Greater European Shows

"Something out of the ordinary" is a remark that can be applied to Sanger's Greater European Shows which will exhibit in Thomasville Wed. Sept. 17.

The big circus has a reputation for producing remarkable surprises in its arena until the public has learned that it can attend an exhibition of the Sanger's Greater European Shows without being disappointed.

There is an unusual number of features with this show season. It is difficult to pick the best. Some will like the trained wild beasts' exhibition or horse wonders. Others will enjoy the wonderful equestrianism of the famous Orton family. Mayor Littlefinger and wife, smallest human adult mites now living, will have their devotees. The wonderful \$25,000 Arabian stallion, "White Cloud," highest educated horse in the world, will be talked about for months after. The Aztec Marimba Band, and other similar curiosities in the museum department all have vital interest. You will be surprised at the rareness and novelty of many of the exhibits.

Adv.

Really Waterproof Tents.

Used by Sanger's Greater European Shows.

"Waterproof tents" is a trite term that has been so much abused that it has nearly lost its meaning. Mercerized duck, a new and expensive material, absolute waterproof, is used exclusively by the Sanger Shows in the construction of their tented city. Patrons can rest assured that, no matter how hard it rains, not a drop can come through to soil their clothing or mar their pleasure.

So far as we know, Sanger's is the only show that has gone to the extra expense of this material. It added two thousand dollars to the cost of the Sanger out fit, which is considerable when you understand that these tents last only one short season on the road. But in this, as in every other detail, the matter of cost has been entirely disregarded by the management of this show in providing for their patrons the very best of everything. From the finest special trains of cars, down to the tent stakes, which are of important Mexican Bois d'Arc, this same discriminating care has been exercised.

So don't let the weather interfere with your visiting this great exhibition; you will find everything dry, clean and safe, even if old probs is doing his worst.

Two performances will be given at Thomasville Wednesday Sept. 17

Adv.

After spending several months in the "House That Jack Built," the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Johnson near Riverton, Mrs. Johnson and daughter, Miss Ella, returned home this week. Misses Kate and Lois Johnson have entered Meredith College at Raleigh.

Everybody's Day.

Last Monday night an enthusiastic meeting was held in the *Recorder's* office in the interest of Everybody's Day. Mr. C. G. Hill was called to the chair and with his usual enthusiasm started the meeting off on a high key. Some vigorous speeches were made, but it was not a meeting of speech making by any means. Committees having the various features of the day in charge were appointed and the movement started off in great shape.

It is the universal sentiment that October 4th is to be the greatest day in the history of the town. The agricultural exhibit is to be vigorously pushed, and valuable prizes offered for the best products of our farms. The amusement feature both for day and night will surpass anything we have ever had. The committee, of which Mr. Charles Finch is chairman, is now giving the subject careful consideration and will be glad to have suggestions from anybody who has anything to offer.

With its usual liberality the community has provided ample funds for financing the proposition, and the men at the head of the movement are wise, aggressive and energetic. The railroads will be asked to offer reduced rates from nearby points, and thousands of our neighbors from north, south, east and west will stream into the town and spend a high day with us.

The majority of those present seemed to be against the spending of money for fire works, but the suggestion that an open air concert by a fine band, with moving pictures showing the strong points of Thomasville, met with instant favor. Nothing definite, however, was decided upon in this line, that matter being left with the committee.

High Point will be asked to join the great parade with floats advertising her various industries. In this line Thomasville will outdo herself, which is saying plenty. A hundred automobiles will be in the procession.

It was suggested also that our country friends throw their saddles in the back of the buggy, and join the horseback aggregation. We hope there will be not less than three hundred horsemen in the procession.

The ball is rolling. Let us all give it a push. We can and we must make Everybody's Day this year one long to be remembered.

The Liberty Association

The Liberty Association which is one of the oldest religious bodies in the state, is composed of some 24 churches mainly in the county of Davidson.

The body met last Tuesday with the church at Rich Fork and continued in session until noon the following Thursday. Rev. Henry Sheets was re-elected moderator, Mr. P. S. Vann clerk and Mr. S. H. Averitt treasurer.

The representatives of the State mission board, the foreign mission board, the Sunday School work and the *Biblical Recorder* were present and addressed the association. The churches reported 121 additions to the churches, but in the matter of contributions a falling off was reported. One of the most important features of the session was the appointment of a committee looking to the organization of the layman's movement for the development of a stronger and more wholesome mission spirit among the churches.

The next session of the association goes to

Low Round Trip Fares, Via Southern Railway, Premier Carrier of the South, To Knoxville, Tennessee, For National Conservation, September 1st to November 1st, 1913.

For this occasion the Southern Railway will have on sale daily from August 30th to November 1st extremely low round trip fares from all points, final limit ten days from date of sale with privilege of an extension of final limit until November 3rd by depositing ticket and payment of \$1.00

On Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week still greater reduction will be made, these tickets to be good in coaches only and limited to return within five days from certain points, and seven days from more distant points, including date of sale. For fares and other information apply to any Agent Southern Railway, or

R. H. DEBUTTS, Division Passenger Agent, Charlotte, N. C.

Democrats Triumph.

Tariff Bill Passed After a Long Struggle. LaFollette Votes With Democrats - So Does Poindexter.

Washington, Sept. 9.—The Democratic tariff revision bill passed the Senate at 5:43 o'clock this afternoon amid a burst of applause that swept down from crowded galleries and found its echo on the floor of the Senate. Its passage was attended with surprises in the final moments of the voting, when Senator LaFollette, Republican, cast his vote with the Democrats and was joined later by Senator Poindexter, Progressive.

The Democrats had counted throughout the long tariff fight upon losing the votes of Senator Ransdell and Thornton of Louisiana, Democrats, who voted against the bill today because it would put sugar on the free list. Until the names of Senators LaFollette and Poindexter were actually called, however, no one knew definitely the way they would take and their votes were greeted with enthusiastic applause.

President Wilson tonight expressed great gratification over the end of the long struggle in the Senate. Senator Simmons, chairman of the Finance Committee, who had piloted the bill through the Finance Committee, the Democratic caucus and the Senate predicted that its passage would bring immediate stimulus to the commercial life of the country. In many important places the Senate has changed the bill that passed the House and a conference committee of the two houses will begin Wednesday or Thursday to adjust these differences. Leaders of both houses predict that the conference will consume less than two weeks time.

The Senate endeavored today to hasten the bill on its progress to the White House by naming its members of the conference committee as soon as the bill passed.

Vice President Marshall appointed Senator Simmons, Stone, Williams and Johnson, Democrats, and Senators Poindexter, Lodge and LaFollette, Republicans, as the conference committee. Senator Stone withdrew from the committee and Senator Shively was appointed in his place. The House conference, it was reported tonight, will be Representatives Underwood, Kitchin and Rainey, Democrats, and Payne and Fordney, Republicans. Each house will have an equal vote.

The final struggle began at 4 o'clock when under a previous agreement arbitrary votes on pending amendments.

During the closing hours of debate Senator LaFollette had become the center of interest, proposing final amendments on the cotton and agricultural schedules and discussing some feature of the bill which he deemed favorable. When the vice president put the bill upon its passage, the roll call proceeded deliberately until the clerk called "LaFollette."

The Wisconsin Senator seated in the front row, hesitated a moment. His head was bowed and resting on his hand. He leaned forward a trifle vigorously answered "aye."

Instantly the applause broke from the galleries, and Senators on the Democratic side joined in enthusiastic handclapping, nearly every Democrat on the floor participating in the brief but vigorous demonstration. When the name of Senator Poindexter, the only Progressive Senator was reached and he had contributed his vote for the bill the applause was renewed.

Senator LaFollette had a few words to say of his vote after many Democratic Senators, had surrounded his desk and shook his hand. He said:

I realize what I did was a political sacrifice but that within me compelled me to vote for the bill. The tariff act of 1909 was but little short of a crime; the bill passed today is not a Democratic measure but is a protective measure. Give the Democrats time, and they will put every thing on a free trade basis but they have not done it in this bill.

"I voted for the Senate tariff bill because it is as a whole a better bill than the Payne-Aldrich law now in force. Furthermore it contains an income tax which we have been trying to get for 20 years."

When the vote had been announced Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire, the leader of the minority, was recognized and congratulated Senator Simmons for his courteous kindly and considerate manner in the conduct of the debate. He said he knew of no tariff fight characterized by such good feeling throughout and attributed it to the personality of Senator Simmons.

Senator Simmons expressed his appreciation. The bill, he asserted, would be given to the country and speak for itself.

"I am greatly gratified that the bill has passed and I think that it will not be long in conference. In my opinion there has been some stagnation of business in the country pending the action of the Senate. Now I believe there will be an immediate stimulus to business and that in the end we will have better times in this country."

"It is hard for me to vote against this bill," said Senator Thornton of Louisiana, just before the voting on amendments began. "It is made a party measure by the party with which I cast allegiance 46 years ago. It is harder still that I am forced to vote against it because my own party seeks now to strike a vital blow against the great sugar industry of my state."

Walker-Lambeth

At a delightful entertainment given this morning at the home of Mrs. R. B. Crawford, on the Boulevard, the very interesting announcement was made of the engagement of her cousin, Miss Evelyn Walker, to Rev. William A. Lambeth.

The guests had been invited for a progressive domino party, in honor of Miss Carolyn Baldwin, of Durham, a new member of the city school faculty, and tables were arranged in the drawing room, living room and hall, while quantities of lovely roses were everywhere about the home.

When progressions were over, pretty yellow baskets, tied with yellow tulle and filled with nasturtiums and clematis, were placed on each table, and then Mrs. Crawford was assisted in serving the perfectly appointed two course luncheon, in white and gold, by Mrs. James Norfleet, Mrs. Joe Fletcher and Mrs. T. B. Crawford. The yellow baskets of flowers were later given as table prizes, being won by Miss Emorie Barber, Mrs. Eggleston Woodruff, Misses Anna Brown, Theodosia Gray, Dell Norfleet, Carolyn Baldwin and Vearl Freeman.

In the course of the luncheon a messenger boy arrived with a great banquet of bride's roses for Miss Evelyn Walker, and this was among the flowers was an exquisite bar pin of amethysts and pearls, with the date engraved on the back.

The guests being given popping favors, the popper proved to be white crepe paper ornamented with Cupids, enclosing cards bearing this legend: "A lassie has popped the popper, but a laddie has popped the Question." W. A. L. and E. E. W., October 14, 1913.

Inside also was a suggestive wee bag of rice. Within the popper of the bride-elect was an engagement ring.

Naturally the rice was not left lying, and with the shower of rice came a shower of good wishes and all was indeed "merry as a marriage bell."

At this marriage next month will be united two extremely popular young people. Miss Walker has lived in this city the greater part of her life, having spent one winter in Porto Rico with her father, Mr. M. A. Walker. She was educated at Greensboro College for Women and by her attractive personality and winsome manner has made herself the center of a large group of admiring friends.

Rev. Mr. Lambeth has been the beloved pastor of West End Methodist church for almost four years, and has countless admiring friends throughout the state. He was educated at Vanderbilt University, Trinity, Yale and Harvard and as a young minister rarely endowed with spiritual gifts.

Among the guests at the announcement party this morning were his sister, Miss Ella Lambeth, of Thomasville, and Miss Nona Thompson, of Lexington.—*Journal*.

Skillful Operation.

On Wednesday afternoon Mr. B. S. Lambeth was suddenly seized with an acute case of appendicitis. His condition gave his friends great alarm, and his uncles, Messrs J. W. and F. S. Lambeth hurried him away to High Point, the doctor here urging an immediate operation. Dr. Burrus promptly performed the operation which he stood exceedingly well, and which apparently was entirely successful. At this writing Mr. Lambeth is doing well, and the prospects are bright for his early and complete recovery.

"My dear boy, there's nothing on earth sweeter or bitter than an old man's memories. And the things you are doing and saying to-day will be your dreams when your hair is white. Make your dreams pure and kindly and sweet.—*Robert J. Burdette*.

SOCIAL

An exceedingly enjoyable event of more than ordinary interest was the reception given by Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Courtney on Thursday evening, September 4, from 8 to 11 o'clock. The entertainment was held at the handsome new parsonage which has recently been built by the members of the Main street Methodist Church. Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Courtney used this occasion as a means to express their gratitude to the congregation, to give the members an opportunity to see the parsonage, and to stimulate the spirit of fellowship among the members. The entire reception suite was artistically decorated with beautiful cut flowers, ivy, and potted plants. Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hauss presented the guests to the receiving line which was composed of the host and hostess and the following trustees and their wives, together with the members of the building committee and their wives: Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cramer; Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Lambeth; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lambeth; Mr. G. A. Thompson; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Green; and Mr. and Mrs. John R. Myers. In the beautiful, softly-lighted dining room yellow and white ice cream and white cake were served, thus carrying out the color scheme of yellow and white. In a cozy attractive nook in the upper hall, excellent hot coffee was served. Mesdames C. A. Julian and G. T. Cochran had charge of the guest book. During the receiving hours delightful music was rendered by Mrs. Carl Rabe, Miss Ella Lambeth, Mrs. C. H. Boyd and Miss Perry Griffith, which, with the excellent selections from the handsome victrola added much to the pleasure of the evening. A large percentage of the congregation enjoyed the kind hospitality of the beloved and popular pastor and his excellent wife. The one note of regret expressed on this happy occasion was that, according to the rules of the Methodist church, only one year remains for the people of Thomasville to be blessed with the presence of these excellent people.

The introduction for the club meeting of the incoming season was given by the Embroidery Club when its President, Mrs. J. Arthur Morris entertained at the first meeting on Wednesday morning. The honored guests were Misses Peterson and Grogan of Winston-Salem who were the attractive house guests of the charming hostess. Vases of beautiful roses gave the festive appearance to the pretty and attractive decorations of the home. The music rendered by Mesdames Boyd, Myers, Misses Peterson Griffith and Lambeth gave much pleasure to the guests. Assisted by Mrs. Zed Griffith and Miss Nell Morris the hostess served sandwiches and iced tea. Those present were: Mesdames Peacock, Boyd, Myers, Dixon, Griffith, Bason, Crutchfield, Hayden, Misses Coble, Lambeth, Griffith, Idamisse Yow, Cleve Stafford, Mamie Harris and Lillian Yow.

Over one hundred little hearts were made happy on Thursday afternoon when the Primary Department of the Main Street Sunday School was entertained in the grove surrounding Mr. G. H. Yow's home, games, stories and songs were enjoyed, and also the ice cream cones which constituted the refreshments.

The initial meeting of the Chautauqua Circle was held with Mrs. R. M. Courtney on Monday afternoon. Mesdames T. E. Jennings and H. L. Gotham were welcomed as new members. The meeting being of a strictly business nature no literary program was prepared. Simple, but dainty refreshments were served.

On Wednesday morning a dozen or more of the young ladies an informal party given by Miss Louise Williams at her suburban home. In the interesting contest Miss Margaret Hoover won the prize which was a box of candy. Dainty refreshments were served, thus bringing to a close the last social event for these attractive young ladies before a large number of them leave for the various colleges.

Much interest centers around the announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Evelyn Walker and Rev. W. A. Lambeth. Rev. Mr. Lambeth is a native of Thomasville, being the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Lambeth, and a young man in whom Thomasville people have a great interest.