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## COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATION IS PRACTICALLY ASSURED.

At the meeting last Thursday night much additional interest was shown over the previous meeting. Without a dissenting note it was decided to organize—Committee appointed to draft Constitution and by-laws. Fifty persons signified their intention to join and many others will take a hand.

The Kings Mountain Boosters Association is the proposed name of the new commercial organization which is under way of formation here at present. At the meeting last Thursday night a decidedly increasing interest was shown over the meeting of the previous Thursday night.

At least a hundred and fifty persons were present and no note of discord was sounded. The committee thinks that the views of the committee seemed to prevail throughout. It was moved and carried without dissenting vote that we enter into the matter of organization. After much discussion as the best ways and means of procedure it was decided to have a committee appointed by the chairman to draft a constitution and by-laws to be submitted at a meeting to be held to-night. Those present were canvassed to ascertain how many intended to actually affiliate with the organization when effected and at least fifty names were handed in. It was explained that nobody was bound by having given in their names if after the constitution and by-laws had been adopted they felt that they didn't care to be affiliated with the organization. A large number of others who didn't give in their names expressed the belief that such an organization was much needed and intimated that they would join later if they felt that they could comply with the rules and regulations and endorse the work of the society. It was stressed that every member was expected to join for a full twelve-month.

Before the mass meeting was called to order Mr. G. L. Murrain, county farm demonstrator for Cleveland, addressed the people on the subject of scientific farming. Mr. Murrain outlined the program which he wishes to execute in the county. His first idea is to work through the schools on small farms with the school boys. He wants to enlist at least ten schools in this work this year and wishes to make Kings Mountain school one of them.

His address was intelligible and to the point. He showed that he knew his business and was capable of teaching his chosen branch. He evinced sincere interest in agricultural progress and especially as relates to this county. The speaker pointed out that the population of the earth is daily increasing while the farming land is either standing still or on the decrease. He clearly showed that farming was the foundation of all business and that more people were to be fed from the same acreage and that therefore the land must be made more productive.

### Mr. J. J. Boone Passes.

Mr. J. J. Boone, a confederate veteran, passed away at his home on Parker street in Kings Mountain Sunday afternoon at 3:40 o'clock. His sickness was of a little more than a day's duration. He suffered a stroke of apoplexy Friday morning which rapidly developed into paralysis to which he succumbed without recovering his speech. Mr. Boone was in his 74th year.

Deceased was born in Mitchell county, North Carolina, June 6th, 1840, and was among the first from his community to enlist in the confederate army in the war between the states. He served his full four years and was in the famous Seven days battle. About one half of the time he was serving in the infantry and the other half in the cavalry. He came out of the army unscratched, except that a horse fell on him resulting in some internal injury, and was known as one of the finest riders ever in the saddle in the state. After he was captured he served a term in Point Lookout prison and while there the Yankees tried to induce him to swear allegiance to the union as it then stood. But, the brave soldier who had so heroically faced the cannon let it be known that he was no less a Southerner than when in the thick of the fight. It soon became understood that notwithstanding the fact that he was in captivity that Mr. Boone was by no means whipped. He was a member of 16th. N. C. Regiment and Col. McElroy's Company.

After the war Mr. Boone was married to Miss Mona J. Quinn of his native county of Mitchell, who was six years his senior. The pair have lived happily together ever since and seven children were born to the union, three of which have preceded their father to the grave. The family moved to Kings Mountain about eighteen years ago and have become well connected with her people. Mr. Boone was looked upon as one of our best citizens. He was a member and a steward of the Grace M. E. Church.

The funeral was conducted from the home at one P. M. Monday by his pastor Rev. B. A. Culp, assisted by Rev. M. B. Clegg and Rev. B. S. Williams. The interment followed in the city cemetery.

Deceased is survived by the widow, Mrs. Mona J. Boone, and four children, Geo. J. Boone of Bessemer City, J. S. Boone of Kings Mountain, Mrs. J. L. Smith of Henrietta, N. C. and Miss Zola Boone of Morganton, N. C.

### Don't Teach Dancing.

Rev. Dr. John F. Carson of Brooklyn does not approve of Churches that encourage dancing and provide facilities of it. "It is the girls who like to dance," he says "Young men are more likely to get thirsty. I had this in mind when a reporter came to ask my opinion of the matter. I told him that when I began to socialize my church, I would introduce a bar in the basement, and have my assistant minister act as bartender, so that men could drink under Christian auspices."

## In Memoriam—William Wilson Finley

The Board of Directors of Southern Railway Company having assembled in special meeting this first day of December, 1913, and being advised of the death, at his home in Washington on November 25, 1913, of William Wilson Finley, for the past seven years President of Southern Railway Company, adopts the following minute to be spread on the records of the Company and to be published in the newspapers of the South:

WILLIAM WILSON FINLEY was born at Pass Christian, Mississippi, on September 2, 1853, and entered railway service in New Orleans in 1873. During the succeeding twenty-two years he had a varied experience, earning steady promotion and a growing reputation in the traffic departments of several railroads and in charge of traffic associations, in the west and southwest. In 1895, soon after the organization of Southern Railway Company, he began, as Third Vice-President in charge of traffic, his service for this Company in which, with an interval of a few months in 1896, he continued until his death eighteen years later.

He became President of this Company in December, 1906, at a moment when the work of gathering in and welding together its lines into a consolidated system had been done. The map had been made. There are no more miles of railroad included in the system today than there were when he became President. His task was, therefore, complementary to the work already done and the history of the development of the property conceived and accomplished that task of conservation and progressive development. During his administration the revenues of the Company increased 20.95 per cent. (comparing 1913 with 1907), but what is even more his achievement, the balance of income available increased 208.07 per cent.

This record of material success is in no small measure the result of Mr. Finley's policy and practice of building and strengthening a working organization of the Company so far as concerns personnel. He inaugurated and steadfastly enforced a rule of promotion to fill vacancies within the organization, by recognition of demonstrated merit, with the result that he secured and conserved that loyal identification with the interest of the South and of the Company, and that sense of personal responsibility in all ranks of the service, which is one of the most valuable assets the Company has today.

On the public side of his responsibility Mr. Finley developed largely during the past seven years. Convinced of the duty of accepting the changed conditions in respect of the administration of industry incident to the governmental policy of regulation of the railroads by public authority, he was nevertheless keenly impressed with the apparent lack of understanding on the part of the public of the problems of railway management. He, therefore, devoted much of his time to the discussion of such questions before representative audiences in all parts of the country, but chiefly in the South, and the effect upon public opinion of his

frank, straightforward and manly utterances and patiently iterated doctrine has been long recognized, but was remarkably demonstrated by the expressions which have been received since his death from public bodies throughout the South. He did much in this way to correct a sentiment from which all railway property has suffered in recent years—a sentiment which has found its expression in an erroneous belief that a railway takes from the public more than it gives, and his effort in word and deed was to restore a just balance of understanding of the economic necessity, to every citizen in his daily life, of a well maintained, honestly administered and prosperous transportation system.

In other ways also he gave expression to a broad view of the identity of interest between the welfare of the railroads and that of the public. He lent active co-operation to the chief educational, industrial and commercial interests of the South, and a moral support to every movement which is making for the welfare of the South, but perhaps his greatest service of this nature was his successful campaign for the promotion of better agriculture.

Gently born and gently bred, it was Mr. Finley's fortune to be thrown upon his own resources at an early age and without the advantages of a university training and experience usually enjoyed by his associates. He was, therefore, a peculiar satisfaction to him and to his friends that in 1910 he received, with the assurance that it was no mere decoration, a degree of Doctor of Laws from Tulane University at New Orleans, the principal seat of learning in the community

On the personal side, Mr. Finley was essentially a gentleman; he demonstrated on many occasions the combination in his character of those qualities which may be expressed by the words modesty and courage. He was fair and just in all his dealings, courteous to all men, slow to anger, but fierce in his resentment of injustice in others. Partisan in his love for and belief in the South and its future and in the Southern Railway as an important factor in that community, he convinced his associates that he never allowed partisan feeling to colour his judgment to such an extent that he could not always see the other side; but a policy once determined he set about its accomplishment with a characteristic belief in the potency of persistence and an unhesitating use of all the power at his command.

He had at all times the confidence, the respect and the good will of this Board and of every member of it, and in his death the Board and every member of it feels the loss of a friend of charming personal qualities as well as an official associate of commanding ability.

The Secretary is directed to express to the surviving members of Mr. Finley's family the respectful sympathy of this Board and to transmit to them a suitably engrossed and attested transcript of this minute.

## Popular Engineer Gets Hurt.

Mr. G. W. Bird of Columbia, S. C. who pulls the throttle on an engine between Columbia and Augusta, Ga. happened to a very serious accident a few days ago. While in Augusta he started to step from his engine with torch and oil can in hand. By some means his heel caught and pitched him forward. His leg between knee and ankle came in contact with the sharp edge of a tie in the next track and both bones were broken. Mr. Bird was taken to a hospital immediately where medical attention was rendered. His father-in-law Mr. G. W. Kendrick of this city, was notified and he hastened forthwith to Augusta. Mr. Kendrick returned last Saturday and states that Mr. Bird is getting along very nicely and that he has been removed from the hospital in Augusta to his home in Columbia.

Mr. Bird is well known here by a wide circle of friends and relatives who will be shocked to learn of his misfortune, and who will look forward to his recovery with great interest.

Mr. Bird is very popular with his company. The oldest man on the road says of him "He knows more about an engine than I do". His company has learned to depend upon Mr. Bird to a greater extent than most engineers of his age. Mr. Bird's father is also an engineer on the same road.

We all await the glad news that his leg is solid again and that he sits at his throttle with his usual cheerful countenance and pleasant smile.

Well, That's What We are Trying to do. PAGE of the Kings Mountain Herald is turning out for his town beyond any question the best paper it ever had.—Shelby Highlander.

**Tax Returns for Cleveland.** Shelby, Jan. 25—Special. In the tax report which Register of Deeds J. J. Lattimore has just finished for the Corporation Commission and Secretary of State, Cleveland County shows an increase of \$200,000 in the valuation of her property, the total this year being \$9,783,061. There is a falling off in polls of 97. The total tax for county purposes under a levy of 201.2 cents on the \$100 brings in \$10,951,56; for bridges and roads under a levy of 13 cents on the \$100 brings in a revenue of \$12,581.89; while the special tax for road bonds of 7 cents on the \$100 brings in \$6,834.14, or a total for all county purposes of \$40,488.44.—Charlotte Observer.

### A Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors who so much assisted us during the sickness, death and burial of our husband and father. May Heaven's blessings be upon you. Mrs. Mona J. Boone and children.

Master Charles Dilling is able to attend school again after suffering for several weeks with a broken arm and shoulder.

than a week about the same time Melton claims to be sixteen years and his appearance does not much belie him. He was taken to jail at Shelby Monday to a trial at superior court in March.

## To-night To-night To-night.

At the opera house to-night at half past seven the most important meeting to be held in Kings Mountain in a long time is to convene. It will undoubtedly mark an epoch in the history of the town. A Commercial organization is expected to be practically completed. The committee on constitution and by-laws has done itself splendid in preparing for the event and the outcome is looked forward to as one of vast importance to the town and community.

Let everybody who attended the other mass meetings recently held leading up to this one come, and if you didn't attend the others come. Come anyhow. All Kings Mountain is wide awake and prosperity is right on us! Whoop for the town!

## Another Burglar is Behind The Bars

Jim Melton, a sixteen-year-old white boy, was arrested at Lumberton and brought here last week on the burglary charge—He now rests in jail at Shelby and contends that he knows about the robbery here.

A message from Lumberton, N. C. last Thursday advised the authorities of the town that one Jim Melton was under arrest there on the charge of being identified with the recent burglary here. Policeman Lindsay set out immediately for Lumberton. Upon arriving there he found that his man had confessed the crime and made no protest against coming here for trial. Mr. Lindsay and his man arrived in Kings Mountain Saturday morning and Mayor Cline immediately engaged the culprit in litigation.

Melton told various tales but all pointed to the conclusion that he was a party to the robbery. He mixed up his testimony before the mayor almost to the point of unintelligibility. He was frank to admit that he was in the game and seemed to want to prove the fact. So urgent was he in pressing his case for conviction that some were about to

charge him with insanity and it seems to be the consensus of opinion among those who interviewed him both in court and out that he is at least a simpleton. Nevertheless, the opinion prevails that he shows plenty of sense to have stayed out of the game and that he deserves punishment.

Melton's identity is unmistakable as his people live in Lumberton and Policeman Lindsay talked with his mother while there. The prisoner says that his people once lived here at the Lula mill and moved away six years ago. This is said to be a fact. A good many things he tells may easily be established as facts but as to the robbery he is awfully mixed up. He declares that he got up with the other three boys in Charlotte and came on here. Among those who Melton implicates are Claud Haynes, Ed. Haynes (Claud's brother) Irvin Dellehue (now in jail at

Shelby on the charge) and another whose name he doesn't know. It seems that Claud Haynes will have no trouble in proving his connection with the affair but as to Melton it is doubtful as neither Claud nor Dellehue seems to have known him. Melton says that he did not enter the store at all but stood watch notwithstanding the fact that Haynes claims to have held that position. There is but little connection in his numerous stories of the affair but evidently he knows something of it. He introduces a new character, however, that of Ed Haynes and some evidence would lead to the corroboration of the testimony. Ed Haynes escaped from the Gaston county chain gang a few days prior to the robbery and it is said that he left Lumberton the same day that Claud did immediately before the robbery. Melton was also missing from his home in Lumberton for more