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"OUR LOST PROVINCES."

To the Editor Watauga Democrat:

Judge Council has recently won his case before the U. S. Supreme Court, releasing the Watauga and Yadkin River Railroad from litigation. If times were normal, an effort would be made to rehabilitate this road from Wilkesboro to Darby and extend it through Cook's Gap, thence forming a junction with the Norfolk & Western on its line from Jefferson for Boone. In which event, Caldwell County would hardly sleep until Lenoir and Grandin were connected by a feasible route already surveyed.

However, we are apparently in a period of slow exploitation of the transportation system, and the difficulties are greatly enhanced by the present state of railroad finance. In earlier days when railroads were developed on a basis of stock financing, there was an element of individual initiative which made for a rapid increase in mileage. But there has been a transition from a stock to a bond basis with a slow growth and the present state of the money market is not such as to increase railroad mileage.

This in short means there will be little new construction by private capital, but the iron track of commerce will continue onward as some new lines and investment will be imperative.

All things considered the finest section in North Carolina is situated in Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany and the counties adjoining, but between us stands the interposing barrier of the Blue Ridge.

The States of Tennessee and Virginia were not slow to take advantage of the situation, not only to exploit, but also to claim as their own, this beautiful mountain section. That they will continue to absorb its industrial energy without a railroad from this side is unquestioned. Had not the State sent its giant agent through the Swannanoa Tunnel, we could not have had Biltmore, Grove Park and Asheville, the best advertised city in this union.

Not that there is any comparison of the magnitude of the undertaking, for Cook's Gap or Coffey's is a trifle, engineers state, beside Round Knob and Mud Cut and otherwise the comparison is very favorable for the Blowing Rock and Linville Section when it comes to wealth of climate and soil and beauty of scenery. In truth whichever one is present is dearest in summer time. However Governor Aycock did not flirt with the question, and after having canvassed about every school house in North Carolina, he was asked to name the State's best county? He replied, "Ashe."

The writer once heard Senator Ransom and Mr. Cone discussing the future of the Blowing Rock section. They were on the Cone estate, and agreed that with adequate railroad service, the possibilities of Blowing Rock were stupendous, and fired by imagination as they visioned its destiny ranking prominent among the resorts and play grounds of this continent.

In our present upbuilding it was a statesman-like call which Tam Bowie made for legislative ingenuity and skill upon a large scale for the purpose of connecting North Carolina with her "Lost Provinces."

While the attitude of our legislature was discouraging, so it was two years ago on hard surface roads.

The question is not settled, and cannot be until a railroad is a-

chieved opening up this great trans-mountain section to the entire state and to the world.

We believe the facts will be recognized and as a result at the next session a change in our legislative policy will be effected.

This state is now leading the South in much, and the world in quite a few things industrial. It is a matter of some public importance to know that Governor Morrison has gone on record for yet greater things, and while the last legislature was not perfect, yet when its actions shall emerge into public view, it will take its place in history as one of the greatest in North Carolina annals.

E. L. SHUFORD.
Hickory, N. C.

In Memory of Rev. J. F. Eller.

Rev. J. F. Eller was born in Ashe county, N. C., Nov. 17, 1857; professed religion and joined the Mount Zion church in the same county in 1877, the year in which he was married to Zylphia Greer. A little later he in company with his father's family, moved to Beaver Dam, in Watauga county. Not long after this, he and his uncle, David Eller, aided by others, built up a congregation on North Fork of Cove Creek, out of which they constituted the Union Baptist church, he going into this church as one of its charter members.

Soon after, that is to say, on May 1, 1886, he was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry, by order of the above named church. A few years later he

removed his membership to Forest Grove church, where he remained a member to the time of his death.

Soon after his ordination his services as pastor of churches began to be in demand, and thru the intervening years to the time of his death, he was, at some time, pastor of almost every church in the Three Forks Association, as well as a number of churches in Avery county and Johnson county, Tenn.

About Jan. 1920, he was attacked by a severe case of pneumonia from which he practically recovered. His health was so seriously impaired by this illness that it soon began to affect his mental powers, so much so that it became necessary to remove him to the State Hospital at Morganton for treatment, where he gradually grew worse until on the 20th of Nov., 1920, he was relieved of all his mental and physical sufferings.

Brother Eller had little advantages of an education, having grown up about the time of the

Civil War, but by his constant reading and study he became a man and preacher of liberal information. Few of his fellow preachers had a better grasp of the scriptures than he. He was a constant student of the Old Book, and a good and safe interpreter of the same. In addition to this he kept himself well informed as to the activities of his denomination.

He was a man and preacher of strong convictions, and if, perchance, at any time, he was not

right on any question of doctrine or church policy, a little time was all that was necessary, and he came forth strong for the truth, as he saw it.

Brother Eller was regarded, and rightly so, as one of our strong and progressive pastors. The churches prospered under his leadership. While he stood against the wrong, he had a very strong positive side—he stood for things.

His activities covered a wide field, and the eternities alone can disclose to us the vast amount of good wrought by this man of God.

SMITH HAGAMAN, COM.

Notice of Sale of Town Property.

North Carolina, Watauga County. By virtue of an order of the board of county commissioners of Watauga county, I will sell at public auction at the court house door in Boone, N. C., on March 28, 1921, to the highest bidder for cash, a lot 30 feet wide fronting on jail street and running back to the west side of the jail lot, and adjoining the lot now owned by E. F. Lovill. I will also offer for sale 12 feet of the said lot adjoining the lot owned by E. F. Lovill, and if the 22 feet brings a higher price per front foot, then the bid for the 30 feet will be rejected and a deed for the 12 feet will be made to the purchaser. But if the bid for the 30 feet is greater per front foot than that offered for the 12 feet, then the bid for the 12 feet will be rejected and deed made to purchaser for the 30 feet. The said sale will be made at the hour of one o'clock, p. m., on said date. This March 7, 1921.

G. W. ROBBINS,
Chm. Bd. Co. Coms.

More Than Flowery Praise.

One of the best things the legislature did was to provide a million dollars for the Confederate veterans of the State. That beats anything that has been done heretofore for them. Heretofore it seemed to be generally considered that references to the "gallant boys in gray" and loud language was pay enough. It's a common way of paying debts—loud praise. The trouble with that is that by this time the old soldiers have been hearing too much of that and not receiving substantial recognition. Praise is not very filling as a food and it buys not a rag of clothing.

It would be good to provide efficiently for these men and their widows one time before they all die. All of them are old now and while the debt that is due them can never be really paid, some way to prevent any of them dying in want is the last that can be done. They will not be here to bother the legislators long.

The men who insisted on a million dollars for the pension fund deserve praise because they did not confine their efforts merely to reciting the glory of the veterans.—Greensboro Record.

The Statesville Landmark, commenting along the same line, says: Confederate pensioners this year should receive a material increase. The pension appropriation was increased near \$400,000—to a million dollars; and the number of pensioners decreased about 1,000 the past year. The decrease in the pension list and

the increase in the appropriation should add a substantial amount to each pension, which is only a pittance at best. One thing that should have been done that was not, so far as known, was to increase the property exemption in case of pensioners. The law up to this time excludes any veteran who owns or whose wife owns property of the value of \$500. The property exemption should have been materially increased—doubled or trebled. When the first pension law was passed \$500 was a big sum and the exemption was reasonable. Under the existing scale of values \$500 is a pittance that should not exclude from the pension roll.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Jas. P. Mast, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of March, 1922, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment. This the 10th day of March, 1921.

JOE K. MAST, Adm.

Personal Property Sale.

I will sell to the highest bidder at the Sandy Cook place, Lances Creek, next Monday, March 14, the following personal property to wit: 7 head of cattle, one cow, one yoke oxen, one pig, two horses; a big lot of canned goods and seed Irish potatoes. Six months time on all accounts over \$5., cash on smaller amounts.

C. C. Hodges.



Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
March 28, 29 and 30,

WHAT IS A ONE-CENT SALE? It is a sale where you buy an item at the regular price—then another item of the same kind for 1c. As an illustration: The standard price of Rexall Tooth Paste is 25c. You buy a tube at this price, and by paying 1c more, or 26c, you get two tubes. Every article in this sale is a high class standard piece of merchandise, just the same as we sell you every day at regular prices.

A NEW WAY OF ADVERTISING: This sale was developed by the United Drug Co. as an advertising plan. Rather than spend large sums of money in other ways to convince you of the merit of these goods, they are spending it on this sale in permitting us to sell you a full-size package of high standard merchandise for 1c. It costs money to get new customers, the loss taken on this sale will be well spent if the goods please you.

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- 40c Antiseptic Tooth Powder 2 for 41c
- \$1.00 Bouquet Ramee Face Powder 2 for \$1.01
- \$1.00 Harmony Toilet Water 2 for \$1.01
- 15c Rexall Toilet Soap 2 for 16c
- 50c Bouquet Ramee Talcum Powder 2 for 51c
- 50c Violet Dulce Vanishing Cream 2 for 51c
- 25c Rexall Tooth Paste 2 for 26c
- 50c Riker's Milk of Magnesia 2 for 51c
- 50c Harmony Liquid Shampoo 2 for 51c
- 45c Cherry Bark Cough Syrup 2 for 46c
- \$1.25 Cod Liver Oil Emul. 2 for \$1.26
- 40c Rexall Baby Laxative 2 for 41c

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- 45c Cascade Paper and Envelopes 2 for 46c
- 45c Cation of 50 Envelopes 2 for 46c
- 60c Cascade Linen (1 pound) 2 lbs. 61c
- \$2.50 Maximum 2 qt. Syringe 2 for \$2.51
- \$2.50 Maximum 2 qt. Hot-water Bottle 2 for \$2.51
- 15c Goodform Hair Net 2 for 16c
- 15c Velour Powder Puffs 2 for 16c
- 10c Elkay's Washing Compound 2 for 11c
- 25c Elkay's Metal Polish 2 for 26c
- 45c Imported Olive Oil 2 for 46c
- A genuine high-grade oil.
- 40c Symonds Inn Peanut Butter 2 for 41c
- 25c Flavoring Extract, Vanilla 2 for 36c

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