

TRINKLE SPEAKS

Democratic Candidate For Congress in Ninth District, is Given Royal Reception—A Great Speech to a Large and Intelligent Crowd.

Hon. E. Lee Trinkle, Democratic candidate for congress from the Ninth District, addressed one of the largest audiences here Tuesday that has assembled in the Court House to hear a political address for a number of years. The house was filled to its fullest capacity and the hallways were filled with men who were unable to get into the auditorium.

A large number of the ladies of the town and county were present and greeted the occasion.

Hon. George C. Peery, of this city, introduced the speaker. In his introductory remarks, Mr. Peery briefly outlined the many accomplishments of the Democratic administration. He expressed the opinion that the people of the Ninth district will, in view of the President's efforts for peace, and his settlement of the railroad strike, and other patriotic efforts of the President, rise up and give Wilson a supporter in the halls of Congress by the election of E. Lee Trinkle in November. Many of the leading citizens of this town, who have heard the distinguished speakers of the Nation, were positive in their statements that the speech of Mr. Trinkle was the biggest thing of the kind delivered in Tazewell for many years. The Democrats who heard the address were greatly strengthened in the faith and many of the Republicans in the audience were put to thinking. One in particular, greeted the speaker at the close of his address, and pledged him his support, after voting the Republican ticket for the past half century. Another in conference with the writer of report, stated that he had been a close friend of Slempp for many years and was a friend of the senior Slempp, but that after hearing the speech of Mr. Trinkle he decided that his friendship had continued long enough and that in view of the record of Mr. Slempp in opposing the many great reforms advocated by President Wilson he would have to part company with the Republican party in this canvass and vote with the Democrats. It is believed that many other Republicans in this county will do likewise, but will not make a public expression of the fact for fear of being "set upon" by the Republican workers.

Mr. Trinkle, in his address, evoked a great deal of laughter by his reference to T. J. Munsey as "Soup House Tom," the famous Ninth district Republican orator, who became famous by his predictions that in the event of the election of Wilson "cobwebs would grow over the drift-mouths of every coal mine in this section; that the farmers would get 15c for their wool, 5c for their cattle and \$10 for their bul calves," etc.

Mr. Trinkle declared frequently that his candidacies were a personal matter with him and that he did not ask votes for his own election alone, but that he was asking the voters of Southwest Virginia, who are his neighbors and friends, to do what is best for them. He read letters concerning his challenge to Slempp to meet him in joint debate throughout the district and replies from Slempp declining the challenge. Speaking of the situation Mr. Trinkle said: "When I have been to Congress as long as C. Bascom Slempp and some mountain boy invites me to meet him in joint debate I will meet him if he skins me alive." He read a letter from one of the leading statesmen of the country in which he said, in speaking of the record of Mr. Slempp in congress: "So far as I am able to determine, C. Bascom Slempp has no record. The only thing of note he has done was to vote against the Federal reserve bill, which is characterized as the greatest piece of legislation ever put on the statute books. The day is past to follow mere party empty emblems unless they stand for something. I want every man who votes to know what he is voting for."

He recalled the prophecies by Slempp and Tom Munsey in regard to \$10 bull calves, 15c wool, etc., and stated that if the bats are now making their habitats and dwelling places in the coal veins of Southwest Virginia, as they write and wait in anguish they are vitiating Slempp and Munsey who deceived them into going there.

In an eloquent oration on peace, he moved his large audience to tears. He referred to the boys that had been sent to Mexico and of the grief that their departure spread throughout the country, but pictured the inexpressible suffering and sorrow that would have prevailed if war had taken place. He told how the poor Mexican peons, oppressed and downtrodden, were rescued by Wilson, without the expenditure of millions of the people's money and without the shedding of the blood of her citizens. In referring to the controversy with Germany in which the latter power had declared that Americans must not travel on the high seas except at their own risk, he told how Mr. Slempp had voted against the legislation which Mr. Wilson had proposed to save the situation, and then wondered that the voters of the ninth district could would countenance a representative that had voted "in favor of the emperor of Germany and against President Wilson."

After the speaking, Mr. Trinkle, in company with Geo. C. Peery, H. R. Hawthorne left for Richlands, where a large audience greeted them Tuesday night.

Mr. Trinkle spoke in Graham Monday night to one of the largest audiences that has greeted a public speaker for years. The hall was crowded to capacity, many being turned away at the door.

Judging from the report in the Graham Daily News Wednesday of the Monday night meeting, Mr. Trinkle must have also made a great

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speech at Graham. The newspapers report was critical in the extreme. The inevitable conclusion is that the speaker made a speech that will do good for himself and his party.

MR. TRINKLE'S CROWD AND ADDRESS.

It is unsafe and unwise to predict, from the size of a crowd and the character of the address of the speaker, how the voters will vote when election day comes, but the size and enthusiasm of the crowd and the nature of the address delivered, has its significance.

Judging from the large attendance here Tuesday new interest is being taken in the Democratic doctrine. Mr. Trinkle spoke to a packed house. The door and the halls were blocked by people trying to hear the speaker. The crowd was composed of Democrats from all sections of the county, and also a number of leading Republicans. About two dozen ladies were present. The remarkable thing was that this large crowd, uncomfortably jammed, remained, many of the audience standing throughout the entire address. Whether out of curiosity or whether from an earnest desire to hear what the candidate had to say, cannot be definitely or accurately written down. Nevertheless, they remained and a more attentive, respectful audience no man ever addressed. It is only fair to assume that an audience of such respectability as Mr. Trinkle faced on Tuesday—an audience of mature, thinking men and women, were not there from idle curiosity, as was evidenced, as stated, that they not only listened attentively but remained during the more than two hours, showing no signs of restlessness, but the most intense interest to the close.

As Mr. Trinkle said in his splendid address, this is a new day. The country is not the same as four years ago. The people are reading and thinking as never before. This hide-bound, partisan political prejudices of years ago, in both political parties, is passing out rapidly and forever. Mr. Trinkle is a man of the new order. He had new and vital things to say, and he said them, with wonderful and telling effect and the large crowd went away satisfied and more.

The unprecedented prosperity and peace of the times in which the people are living has had a wonderful effect upon the people. If a man wishes to talk about these things he can get a hearing anywhere now. But if he comes to regale the people with a lot of by-gone issues—if he is looking backward instead of forward, he is likely to meet a frost even in hot weather, as are most of the Republican speakers now, whose avowed intentions declared to be, is to overthrow and tear down laws and institutions in which the whole people are rejoicing. Trinkle came to Tazewell as the preacher of "good tidings of great joy" to all the people, and the people heard him gladly. Not only here but elsewhere it is the same. He said that the audience in Tazewell, the largest seen here for some time, was not as large by far as those he had addressed so far, in other parts of the district.

NOTES AND ECHOES.

Did Trinkle make any votes in Tazewell? Well, every Democrat who heard him will vote for him. At least two Republicans who heard him said, "better let well enough alone, I shall vote for Wilson and Slempp." He is only willing to let "well enough" "half alone."

A colored man was asked, "Well, I suppose you will vote for Wilson and good times in November?" He said, "No; Wilson hasn't treated Germany right." Who put such stuff into that negroes head, do you suppose?

A number of good and loyal Republicans, who did not relish Mr. Trinkle's speech, said they would like to have asked him one or two questions. It was their privilege to do so. They would have received a civil and intelligent answer. However, Mr. Trinkle gave Mr. Slempp the privilege to occupy the platform with him in this campaign, when any question could have been asked and answered. But Mr. Slempp declined "the honor" of a joint debate.

If Mr. Slempp had "condescended" to divide time with Mr. Trinkle he would have been furnished an audience and a big one. Mr. Slempp missed the

chance of his life. He can never get such an audience in Tazewell unless he outs Mr. Hughes or some other celebrity on exhibition.

A very intelligent lady who heard Mr. Trinkle, remarked: "Fine, sounds like old Botetourt." The editor of this paper said, "Amen! Amen!"

If the opportunity offers our friend T. J. Munsey will fly Trinkle alive for dubbing him "Soup-House Tom."

The address was aptly styled, "The old-fashioned gospel of the old-time religion in modern dress."

One well known Republican, sitting near the front, said, after the speech was over, "No, I didn't like it, I'm going to vote for Slempp." If this brother was asked, "Why are you a Republican?" we'll wager dollars to doughnuts that he couldn't give an intelligent answer. There might have been a time when an answer of reasonable force could have been given, but that time seems to have passed.

There was hope that the once great and powerful Republican party would have a resurrection to life and usefulness until it allied itself with a lot of men—the same old lot of reactionaries who helped to wreck it. Until it cuts loose from its old moorings there seems to be little hope. Another party may be built upon its ruins by Mr. Roosevelt and others, but it won't be the same party.

TUESDAY'S ECHOES.

(By H. M. S.)

Why didn't they get a counter attraction here Tuesday? There were a baker's dozen of Republicans in the audience who might have been "saved to the party."

If our friends the enemy had one speaker like Trinkle, and one grievance to complain about, they would be in better case.

We have yet to hear any Republican spell-binder with courage enough to glorify Slempp's vote for the eight hour law.

Those of them who heard Munsey and the "Hard Shell" from Indiana, and then sat under Trinkle, must be asking themselves questions.

If Slempp was right in voting for the eight hour law, let us ask the primary class if the President was right in proposing it.

Maine voted 12,500 majority against Cleveland, and yet Cleveland was elected. Maine's average national majority has been 25,000.

Trinkle didn't say that Wilson would rather be right than be President. He did much better. He provided it by his magnificent record.

Slempp has a "tapper" in every election precinct, whose duty it is to report any wobbling among the faithful. The report goes to the bouncer and then to the boss.

The Tribune: As shown in Maine, Hughes fight is merely personal and Hale's fight was Hughes fight, but he got no support from Hughes and the leaders are wandering why.

And summing up the Herald says: The tangle in which Hughes has involved the campaign is a "just measure" of his fitness to be President in the greatest crisis of modern civilization.

WILSON.

He is not for his party, or section or State, Or a syndicate's need or his private purse, But heart, brain and strength co-ordinated for his country's estate in the universe.

METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY.

As announced, infants and children will be received for baptism next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. This rite will be observed at the beginning of the service, so that parents accompanying the children may send them home if necessary. However, if convenient, the children are welcome to stay through the entire service. It is hoped that all parents will stay. Every Sunday school officer, teacher and pupil is earnestly urged to attend. Every parent and church member is cordially invited. Sunday school commences at 10 o'clock at both Main Street and North Tazewell churches. Preaching by the pastor at North Tazewell Sunday night at 7:30. Every Tazewell cordially invited.

POUNDING MILL NEWS NOTES.

Mrs. Williams, Age 82, Died at Home at Grundy—Burial Monday.

Pounding Mill, Sept. 13.—Miss Verne Lowe and baby, of Indian, returned this afternoon after a two week's visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ringstaff.

Mrs. C. M. Hunter, Mrs. G. C. McLain and Mr. Richard Coleman motored to Tazewell yesterday, the ladies taking in the opening at the various stores.

John B. Gillespie visited his mother at Wiggins Mill Saturday, and reports her condition much improved.

J. Sanders Gillespie was shaking hands with friends here this week, after several weeks confinement to his home by illness.

Rev. J. P. Lockhart was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Steele today to dinner.

Mr. Mary B. Gillespie entered the Tazewell High School Monday. She has about recovered from her recent illness.

Mrs. Martha Sparks and daughter, Mrs. Walker Ringstaff are visiting their daughter and sisters, Mrs. Mary Turner and Eva Holland near Roanoke.

Mr. Flem Dyghes, a bridegroom, is well at the home of his mother, of pneumonia. His brother and sister, died of this disease less than a year ago.

Miss Mary B. Altizer of Richlands, spent today with her brother and wife at this place.

Miss Rebekah Davis returned Saturday from an outing near Lake Michigan.

Dr. Rex Steele was called to Governor Stuart's farm one day last week to doctor the fine stallion of the Governor's.

Mrs. J. T. Sparks returned Sunday from a week's visit to her brother in Berwind.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union met with Miss Gussie Christian the secretary, last week. Mrs. W. B. Steele, President, was appointed delegate to the Tazewell meeting on the 26th to 29th.

H. G. Gillespie, chemist at Hopewell, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Gillespie.

Mrs. Rosa Hutton and Miss Helen Thomas were visiting their parents, Rev. and Mrs. G. R. Thomas last week.

John Whitt spent Sunday visiting his uncle, Joseph Whitt, at Maxwell.

Mrs. Milton Harris, who has been desperately ill the past ten days, is some better.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGuire re-entered the school at Staunton last week.

Mrs. C. H. Trayer and children have returned from a visit to relatives near the Roanoke.

The remains of Mrs. Mary Williams, wife of the late Julius Williams, were brought here from Grundy on No. 5 Monday morning and interred in the family cemetery near her old home, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Stinson and husband and Rev. J. G. Helvey, of Grundy.

Mr. J. H. Williams, a brother in law, was attending the famous Looney Springs, a son and daughter, Dr. George Williams and Miss Margaret Williams, of Newport News, joined them here, the two latter having left their mother in Grundy only a week previous. Mrs. Williams death was a shock to her relatives and friends.

She died about 7 o'clock Sunday a. m., surrounded by her family.

The funeral was held at the Methodist church here Monday at 3 p. m., by Rev. J. G. Helvey, M. E. pastor, of Grundy. He was assisted by the Rev. R. E. Greer, of Maxwell, and the Rev. Mr. Waterhouse, of Richlands.

There were a large number of old friends and relatives present at the funeral and burial. The casket was covered with beautiful flowers, the W. C. T. U. contributing a lovely wreath.

She was the daughter of Thomas and May Davis, who formerly owned considerable land on the South of Clinch river, and where Pounding Mill now stands and was born here on May 24, 1834, being 82 years old. She was married February 22, 1856 on her husband's birthday. It will be remembered that he was born, married and died in this county, and about the same time in the morning as he was born and died. She was converted and joined the Methodist church at the age of 16, but later went with her husband, who was in the Missionary Baptist church. She leaves three children, and four preceded her to the great beyond. Her husband died at age of 82, five years ago. She leaves one sister, Mrs. Nancy Davis, of this place.

Dr. W. R. Williams, of Richlands, attended his aunt's burial here Monday as did also Mrs. John Lambert and sons, William and Thomas and daughters, Mrs. Joseph White, all of Raven.

REPUBLICAN SPEAKING.

T. J. Munsey, of Bland county and Mr. Hall, from Indiana, spoke to a large audience in the Court House last Saturday in the interest of the candidacy for Congress of Mr. Slempp. Mr. Hall was introduced by Ex-Senator J. M. Hartman. A speech of the gentleman from Indiana was on a high plane and was listened to attentively by a large number of the leading citizens of the county, both Republicans and Democrats. The speaker is right much of a free lance in politics, judging from many of his utterances, which were not in accord with the Republicans in this county.

Mr. Hall is bitterly opposed to a preparedness program, stating that he was almost for peace at any price. He argued strongly against the preparedness of this nation, stating that the nations of Europe would be impoverished and debt ridden for fifty years to come, and that this country had nothing to fear.

He was followed by Mr. Munsey, who made his customary "soup-house" speech. Mr. Munsey has many personal friends in this town among the Democrats, who sympathize with him in his efforts to make the dear voters believe that the country is in a dickers of a fix.

LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVICES.

There will be Sunday School in the Lutheran church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 a. m., subject, "The True Freedom." Evening service, 7:45, subject, "Life a Gleaming."

OUR FAIR NEXT WEEK

Aviator, Who Will Soar in the Clouds Will Arrive Early in the Week—Edict Against Drunkenness and Disorder Will Be Enforced.

The Board of Directors of the Tazewell Fair Association have issued an edict against drinking on the Fair grounds next week, and have authorized the large number of special policemen and officers to arrest every person who is seen drinking or under the influence of whiskey, and lock them up. There has been at previous Fairs tragedies and accidents due to the influence of the drinks, and the management of the Association has determined to break up the practice, if the jail has to be filled. Those citizens who expect to come to the Fair to get drunk had better stay at home.

AVIATOR FOR TAZEWELL FAIR WILL ARRIVE NEXT WEEK.

Monte Rolfe, the Famous High-Flyer of the Young Aeroplane Company's fleet of flyers, will arrive here one day ahead of time, and have his machine set up and on the ground by the 26th inst. Rolfe is considered one of the best aviators in the country, and he being an Englishman he may be able to tell us some stories about the war; his work is said to be very sensational; he will change his program as much as possible each day.

Young Rolfe recently flew in Canton, Ill., for which he received \$500.00 for one day's flying. This is as much as the loop aviators get, and they have to pay their own expenses. The Canon Press, and the committee, praise him and say that if any one wants to know anything about Rolfe to ask them.

Rolfe flew over Los Angeles recently, and have every one's goat. He flew over the city, dipped and dived, and twisted his plane so that every one thought he would certainly fall and break his neck; in fact some of the remarks that were heard would lead one to think that the crowd felt that he would.

Some of the remarks overheard run like this: "Look at that fool Aviator; he certainly has no sense, or he would never take such chances." "Great Scott, look at him now." "Say Bill, if he ever falls, look out for your bean."

The chief of Police said he would have Rolfe arrested, but Rolfe had been tipped off, not to land within the city limits, and after he thought he had created enough disturbance, he flew to Griffith's field and phoned the police. The chief told him to come in, but warned Rolfe never to fly so close to town again. He told him to remember the three mile limit.

The above is not intended to give Sergeant Thompson a tip, but that it might be a good thing to be on the lookout, so that no one is on the grounds, when he does come down.

Rolfe has been engaged for an exhibition of his stunts at the Tazewell Fair, and the attraction will be a feature of the occasion. His ability as an aviator, and his unusual daring has placed him among the foremost in the ranks of the airman. ADV.

RIDING CONTEST FOR FAIR.

At the Fair next week premiums will be paid for the best lady rider, best body rider, best boy rider under 12 years of age. The riding contests at the Fair has always been an unusually interesting event.

W. C. T. U. DELEGATES.

The Tazewell local union desires it to be publicly known to all who have generously taken delegates for the State convention September 26th, to 29th, that the entertainment, supper and breakfast be very simple with as little trouble as possible to our hostesses, that they may not be burdened. There will be a beautiful lunch served at noon to all delegates and visitors and it is hoped that all our people will attend the convention. The invitation is cordial and earnest that the convention be well attended by our people. The women's societies are especially invited to make themselves one, with all members of the convention.

The day sessions will be held in the Presbyterian church, 10 to 12:30 a. m.; 2 to 5 p. m.

The night session will be held in the Opera House at 8 o'clock. Lunch will be served in the Court house at 12:30 to 2 o'clock. Wednesday—Graham, Falls Mills, Flat Top, Thursday—Raven, Pounding Mill, Cedar Bluff, Richlands, Friday—Tazewell, Wiggins Mills, Tip Top. There will be chairs placed in the church so there will be room for all and the invitation is given that every one in town attend the convention while it is in our midst, and this may be a great and glorious meeting.

OUR COLORED FRIENDS.

Miss Virginia Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Warren, of this city, has gone to Bluefield and has accepted a position as music teacher in the Bluefield Colored Institute. Her sister, Truxie, has returned to Oberlin, Ohio, where she will take a post-graduate course.

Sidney and Archie Warren, sons of Ben Warren, the barber, and Bose Carroll, son of Leander Carroll, have entered the Bluefield Colored Institute for the coming session.

ENTRIES FOR DOMESTIC DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. D. P. Hurley, Superintendent of the Domestic Department of the Fair, wishes us to state that entries for this department will be received up to Tuesday noon, instead of Monday, as announced. Remember, exhibits can be brought or sent to the Fair and be entered on Tuesday, up to 12 o'clock, but not later.

RUIN AND WRECK AFTER THE WAR.

Do the Republican speakers mean and believe what they say, when they tell us that panic and business ruin will follow the close of the great war? Why, then, do they wish to shoulder a shattered and ruined government? It isn't true and those who make the prediction do not believe it themselves.

Why do they not tell the people that a large increase in our exports is due to the sale of products other than war munitions and with which the war has nothing to do. And also, that the government has expected commissions and large corporations have commissions already at work here and in foreign countries already, laying plans based upon scientific investigation, looking not only to holding what we have but to a wide extension of future trade with these countries, and these commissions declare that our trade and commerce, instead of being curtailed, will be greatly extended after the great war is over. This is not put forth as a political promise, but as a cold statement of fact. But Republican orators keep these facts in the background.

HE HAS TUBERCULOSIS—SHUT OUT FROM CATAWBA.

A man giving his name as Floyd, and his home Norfolk, Va., where he has a wife and two small children, appeared on the streets of this town one day this week soliciting money to buy his railroad fare to the Government sanitarium in New Mexico for consumptives. The man, apparently in the early thirties, was emaciated and weak from the ravages of tuberculosis and unless he gets relief quickly will not be on his feet six months longer. When asked why he didn't go to Catawba he said he had tried for a year to do so, but was told that there was no room, that the sanitarium is already over-crowded. It is a shame and a disgrace to this great State, that provision is not made to save the lives of the unfortunate men and women, who are afflicted and burdened with a disease which if taken in time can be cured, but if not death is absolutely certain. And, too, the necessary provision for caring for consumptives can be provided at a trifling cost. Why don't somebody go to work at this thing?

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The North Tazewell Missionary Society met with Mrs. Lucy Dickenson Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 13th. The President, Mrs. Mary O'Keefe, conducted the meeting. The subject for study was, "Institutions for Care of the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind," from Isa. 66, 8 and Psal. 27, was read by the president and followed by an earnest prayer. Subject of Bible lesson, "The Lord God of the Outcasts." Several members were present and the different officers made good reports of their work. Two members of the Junior division were present to report their work. This division is a society of little folks and very excellent work under the wise leadership of Mrs. M. H. Kiser. Interesting papers were read by Messdames John Peery, Hall, and Baker. Items from the bulletin were given by Mrs. Henry Peery. In addition to the regular work done by this society they agreed to send a box twice a year to Greenville, O., for the purpose of containing clothing for the children. After the meeting adjourned the hostess served delicious refreshments.

GEORGE C. PEERY NAMED.

The State Democratic Committee in special session in Richmond Wednesday night named George C. Peery, of Tazewell, elector at large to succeed Lee Trinkle, of Wytheville, who resigned. Peery became a candidate for Congress in the Ninth district. The meeting was well attended and the members heard a speech by United States Senator Martin, who spoke of the achievements of the Wilson administration and predicted victory of the Democrats in the Ninth district.

DOUBLE WEDDING.

Miss Grace Buchanan, daughter of Haynes Buchanan, of Thompson Valley, and Clyde P. Thompson, of the same place, and Miss Susie Crabtree, of Thompson Valley and Mr. Fred B. Settle, of Russell were married in Roanoke Tuesday. The young married folks are now on a bridal tour of the eastern cities and are expected back home in a few days.

BRING YOUR CALVES.

All members of the Boys' Baby Beef Club are requested to bring their calves to the Tazewell Fair grounds Monday or early Tuesday, 19th inst., to compete for prizes to be given. It is desired that calves then be sent to the Roanoke Fair, beginning on the 26th. The calves will be cared for at Tazewell until sent to Roanoke. \$250.00 in prizes will be given at Roanoke and the boys are entertained while in the city. Have your calf in good shape and come to win.

BURKE'S GARDEN NOTES.

Burke's Garden, Sept. 14.—Mr. Jno. Boling and family, who have been visiting relatives on Wolf Creek, and Clear Fork, for the past two weeks, are expected to leave for their little home in Oklahoma the last of this month.

Mr. Martin Tibbs and wife were visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan at Bland Court house from Saturday till Monday.

Last Sunday Mr. Avery Wilson and Miss Susan Tibbs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Tibbs, motored to Roanoke and were married. They were accompanied by H. M. Eagle.

Mr. Meek Edwards and family moved from Poor Valley to the Garden the first of the week. The schools here started last week. Another assistant is badly needed at the high school as there are more pupils than teachers can well take charge of.

Miss Mary Etter Greever has been visiting Mrs. C. J. Moss for several days.

Miss Bessie Peery, the Misses Davis and several others from here, are attending the Bluefield-Graham Fair.

COUNTY IS LOSER

Supreme Court Decides Road Case in Favor of the Norfolk & Western Railway. Verdict of Russell Court Reversed for Plaintiff.

The Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, at its Staunton term, on September 11th, decided the case of the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County against the Norfolk and Western Railway Company. This case is of interest to the people of county on account of its bearing on public roads generally.

It seems about two years ago the Board of Supervisors brought suit against the railroad company, in which it asked that the railway company be required, first, to furnish the county with a road equally as convenient as the old road taken by the railway company, which was built years ago, between Raven and Doran, when it constructed its Clinch Valley division through Tazewell county, and the Board also claimed a right of way thirty feet wide for county road purposes, and second, that the railway company be required to build approaches to the Raven crossing, which is on the railroad line.

Quite a lot of evidence, pro and con, was taken in the case, and on a hearing, of the case in the Circuit Court, the court refused to grant the relief prayed for, and dismissed the case. The cost of the Board of Supervisors, an appeal from this decision was taken by the Board of Supervisors to the Supreme Court, and in its opinion on the 11th inst. the Supreme Court reversed the Circuit Court in part, by requiring the railway company to construct the approaches to the Raven crossing, and affirming it as to the remainder of the road between Doran and Taven, and giving judgment against the railway company for cost, which will amount to about \$600. The Board of Supervisors will probably file a petition for a rehearing of the case.

Russell Court Reversed.

The Supreme Court also decided the case of Henry Riddley, plaintiff vs. the Clinchfield Coal Corporation, defendant. The case was tried in the Circuit Court of Russell county at the May term, 1914. The jury assessed plaintiff's damages at \$6000, but the judge sustained the defendant's demurrer to the evidence and set aside the verdict and entered judgment for the defendant. Plaintiff appealed the case to the Supreme Court of Virginia, and on last Monday that Court reversed the judgment of the lower court, and entered up judgment on the verdict in favor of Riddley, who will now get the \$6000, with interest and costs.

Riddley was represented by Wm. H. Werth, of Tazewell, and M. M. Long, of the Wise county bar.

NOTES OF TANNERSVILLE.

Tannersville, September 12.—Mr. J. R. French, who works at Saltville, spent the week with friends here. Mr. W. A. Crabtree has been ill for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Patrick and children were the guests at the home of Mr. Solon Wyatt Sunday.

Miss Una Lee Welch, was the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Keister.

Mr. Reese P. Asbury left Saturday for Emory and Henry College to resume his studies.

Mr. and Mrs. John Myers, of Rich Valley, spent the week end with their son-in-law, and daughter, Mr. A. S. Caldwell.

Mrs. I. L. Patrick returned from Broadford Friday, where she had been a few days paying respects to her new nephew, born to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Patrick last Thursday.

Mrs. James Peery and daughter, Miss Leola, of Pisgah are visiting their uncle, George W. Miller here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Brewster, of Cedar Bluff, and children, spent the last week here with Mr. Brewster's mother, Mrs. Mary Caldwell and other relatives. Mr. J. I. Hill returned with them to Cedar Bluff, where they will spend a few days visiting relatives and friends.

J. P. Hill recently returned from a visit to relatives and friends in Lynchburg.

Mrs. Joseph Taylor and daughter spent the week end visiting relatives in Smythe county.</