

SUPERVISORS IN LIVELY MEETING.

The Question of Authority in Employing and Discharging Men Causes all the Trouble. —G. A. Wagner Resigns Position as County Engineer.

The net results of the meeting of the board of supervisors on last Monday—and which was turned into a citizens meeting by the crowd present—may be termed, in the language of our forefathers, a "dog fall." The supervisors receded from the position that they alone have the authority to hire and discharge the men employed in the construction of the macadam roads now being built in the county and to make purchases therefor, but at the same time they succeeded in forcing the resignation of the county engineer, C. A. Wagner, whose action in discharging Ragsdale Sluss, foreman of the force working on the Fincastle road at the east line of Jeffersonville district, precipitated the wrangle.

The gist of the compromise may be found in the following order entered on the records of the board after a conciliatory meeting which followed the main meeting in the courtroom at the courthouse, taken from the minutes of the meeting of the supervisors with G. P. Coleman, member of the State Highway Commission:

Resolved, That an engineer shall be appointed for Clear Fork district.

2nd. Resolved, That an engineer shall be appointed, jointly, for Jeffersonville and Maiden Spring districts.

3rd. Resolved, That a committee of three, composed of the supervisor of the district, the engineer in charge of the work, and a man appointed by the State Highway Commissioner, shall act as an auditing and purchasing committee; the engineer shall report to the committee each month, as nearly as possible, his requirements in the way of material and supplies for the following month, and shall deliver to the committee the bills for all purchases made in the previous month. In case of emergency the engineer in charge is authorized to purchase, or to instruct the foreman on the work to make the necessary purchases, and report to the committee at its next meeting the purchase and the reason therefor; this auditing committee shall report to the board of supervisors at its regular designated meetings.

4th. Resolved, That the engineers in charge of the work shall have power to appoint and discharge any or all foremen or superintendents on the work, but the said foreman or superintendent shall have the right of appeal to the committee composed as stated in the previous resolution, of the supervisor of the district, the engineer in charge of the work, and a man appointed by the State Highway Commissioner, whose decision shall be final.

It is understood that as a part of the compromise, C. A. Wagner will be engineer of Clear Fork district, and a new man from outside the county, selected by the State Highway Commissioner, will have charge of the work in Jeffersonville and Maiden Spring districts.

The meeting of the board had been announced for 1 o'clock, but it was near two before Chairman Daniels arrived at the courthouse grounds. Some delay was had in securing a place to meet, as circuit court was to meet at 2 o'clock in the court room—the only room large enough to hold the crowd which had gathered to attend the meeting. As Judge Kegley had not yet appeared at the courthouse the supervisors decided to start the meeting in the court room and chance the judge to suspend court until they could finish the business before the board.

At 2:15 Chairman Daniels called the board together and retired to the law library with Attorneys S. D. May and Barnes Gillespie for consultation. At 2:30 Commonwealth's Attorney J. W. Harman was called into this meeting, and at 2:45 the board and attorneys reentered the room. Mr. Daniels then called the meeting to order and stated briefly that its object was to discuss the question of authority between the board, county engineer and state highway commission.

George W. St. Clair, speaking at the request of some of the citizens, said he was not interested in factional fights, but wanted to see them get together and build roads, and said he understood one or more members of the board thought they were empowered to employ men and purchase supplies. He read from state law as to the duties of supervisors and engineers, and said that as he interpreted sections 9 and 10 of the statute the engineer had the power to hire and discharge and to make purchases.

Barnes Gillespie, who followed, began by saying that he and S. D. May had been spoken to by some of the citizens who had another interpretation of the law, to appear before the board.

At this point Judge Kegley interrupted to state that court would convene at 5 o'clock, and as it was then 3 o'clock would give the board two hours to finish its work.

Continuing, Mr. Gillespie stated his interpretation of section 10 was in effect to make the supervisors take a position similar to contractors, in case the roads were built by force account, and that the engineer's duties were limited

to seeing that the roads were built according to specifications.

G. P. Coleman, assistant state highway commissioner, spoke of the relations of the commission to the counties in the matter, and of the duties of the supervisors and engineers. Taking Mr. Gillespie's illustration of the supervisors as contractors, he read from the specifications for the roads a clause empowering the engineers to discharge foremen for cause.

V. L. Sexton spoke along the same lines, saying that an engineer was superior to the contractor.

S. D. May, the next speaker, made a prefatory address and was the first to touch on the real reasons for the call of the meeting—the discharge of Sluss by Wagner, whom he said was created by the board but who now wanted to be above his creators. By inference he left the impression that if the question was not settled in a manner satisfactory to those whom he represented it would mean a law suit.

J. W. Hicks, of Graham, advised vigorously against a law suit, saying that it was easier to get into court than to get out, and not to spend the county's money in this manner, but get together, bury personal difficulties and build roads.

Mr. Daniels and Mr. Wagner each made a statement which, in the main, agreed that Sluss was discharged by Wagner for insubordination, in refusing to change the arrangement of a crusher under his charge.

J. N. Harman moved that the supervisors, the county engineer, the state highway commissioner and the attorneys meet together and agree on a basis of compromise in the manner of handling the business of building the roads.

Rev. C. R. Brown moved to amend the Harman suggestion by excluding all lawyers but the commonwealth's attorney, saying to do otherwise would only prolong the matter of getting together.

By this time the meeting had become unruly, and there were cries of, "Let them all resign, build roads or get out," etc., making regular pandemonium of the meeting, but the amended motion was finally put to a vote and carried unanimously. The meeting then adjourned by consent without formal motion.

The result of the meeting of the various bodies was given at the beginning of this article. There was a large crowd in attendance at the meeting, and much earnestness on the part of all participating in its deliberations was shown. Some of the crowd were committed to one side or the other of the men in the controversy and, of course, so biased that their opinions are valueless, but to get a composite expression of the opinion of the crowd, the representative of the Republican talked to people of all shades of belief in the matter and we believe the following to be a fair expression of the general sentiment of the crowd if it could have found expression: "We represent the voters and tax payers of the county who voted by an overwhelming majority a year ago to build better roads, and believing that they could be built quicker and better by means of a bond issue, voted to issue the same. We want the roads built quickly and economically, and to this end want personal differences buried. We believe that road building is a science like the building of railroads and other public works, and needs the supervision of an engineer who, by education, training and experience is competent to supervise the work and get the best results. That one man control is the best. That experience so far in this county indicates that roads can be built cheaper by contract than by force account. That we want an intelligent and comprehensive record kept, at the courthouse, accessible to every taxpayer, showing in detail how, where and when our money was spent, and the cost per yard of grading, macadamizing, with a proper charge to each piece of work of the supervision, depreciation, interest and other incidental accounts that enter into the ultimate cost of the roads. And further, that the total funds for each district be prorated on the mileage basis in proportion to the total number of miles of road called for under the order of the court, and that no more than the just apportionment of money be spent on the roads so that every road called for will get its due proportion of the funds spent for its improvement. That what we demand is only justice to the tax payers, and we will be satisfied with nothing less."

It is hoped that much good will come out of the meeting and that no further delay will be experienced in giving the county a better system of highways.

Tannersville News.

Tannersville, Va., May 27th.

Mrs. James Patrick was the guest of Mrs. Abel Sunday.

Mrs. G. A. French, of Broadford, was the guest of Ed Booth and family Sunday.

G. W. Miller and son, John, were visitors to the county seat first of the week.

Mr. James and wife, of Thompson Valley, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Dan Wimmer.

Mrs. Matthews, of Thompson Valley, passed through the Valley Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Puckett at Saltville.

Boyer & Co. are offering three cakes of Lenox Laundry Soap for 10 cents.

POUNDING MILL NEWS.

Items Gathered by Our Correspondent About People Down the Clinch.

Pounding Mill, Va., May 28. James Neese spent Sunday with his parents at Paint Lick.

Mrs. M. J. Sturgill spent Sunday night with friends at Cedar Bluff.

R. K. Gillespie shipped the first car of lambs of the season from this place today.

Mrs. J. T. Altizer any niece, Miss Pruett, of the Cove, spent yesterday at Tazewell.

W. B. Harris, of Richmond, Va., is spending a short time with his family at this place.

Mrs. Lizzie Hoops, of Tazewell, was here Sunday visiting her father, Mr. John Hoops.

Mrs. Estie Graybeal and Stella Crabtree, of Maxwell, visited Miss Uva Steele here Friday.

Miss Georgie Harris has returned from Lynchburg, where she has been attending a business college.

Misses Mildred McGuire and Irene Birkelbaugh, of Cedar Bluff, were here yesterday visiting Miss Uva Steele.

John Hoops, of this place, is the owner of a fine one year old colt which weighs 1,020 pounds. Who can beat it?

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Griffith have moved from Raven to this place, and are occupying rooms in the Sturgill residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ellis, of Whitewood, spent Sunday night and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Sparks at this place.

Rev. G. W. Doyle, of Boston, Mass., was here Saturday on his way to Anderson, Indiana, and preached an interesting sermon while in our midst.

Mrs. Dora Wright and baby, of Athens, W. Va., are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Christian, and other relatives at this place.

Rev. Lindsay Prater, of Bristol, a prominent minister of the M. E. Church, South, spent Thursday night visiting his sister, Mrs. G. R. Thomas, at this place.

Jim Adkins, aged 11 years, was taken to jail at Tazewell this morning, and an effort will be made to send him to the reform school. If he is, we trust he will return a useful and upright citizen.

The grave Mr. Byrd Brewster at this place will be decorated on next Sunday by the local order of Odd Fellows, preceded by a sermon by Rev. Isaac Wright, of Bluefield, at 2 p. m.

Mrs. William Shepherd has been desperately ill the past week with measles, but at this time is slightly improved. Her father, Mr. Joseph Brown, is also confined to his home with the same ailment.

Mrs. Lizzie Osborne, of this place, this afternoon received the sad intelligence of her father's death at his home near Indian. Mr. Osborne was of very venerable age, and a victim of dropsy. He leaves a wife and eight children.

Mrs. W. R. Steele was at Tazewell Saturday to attend the funeral and burial of her relative, Mr. Frank Belew, who was electrocuted accidentally last week in Birmingham, Ala., while working for the Bell Telephone Company.

R. M. Sparks has returned from Newport News, where he attended the meeting of the grand lodge of Odd Fellows, and from visiting his daughters, Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Holland, at Ada, W. Va. The latter accompanied him home for a short visit here.

A little stir among our people occurred about 5:30 this morning when the corn mill and crusher belonging to Steele, Hurl & Company was reported to be on fire. One of the men who fire the engine had thrown some hot ashes against the wall, causing a great deal of smoke and the alarm of fire. The millhouse was once a church and used as a place of worship by the older inhabitants of this community, and is quite a noted landmark.

Caples May Go To The Virginian.

M. J. Caples, according to rumors, has been tendered the presidency of the Virginian Railway. Whether he will accept, or not, cannot be learned. At present he is third vice president of the Chesapeake and Ohio, and is in charge of transportation and they do say that since he went to that line there have been some remarkable changes, which local men attribute to Mr. Caples, who was formerly superintendent of the Pocahontas division of the Norfolk & Western and afterwards general manager of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway. It will be noted that the C. & O. coal tonnage, that formerly could not be moved, has suddenly found the wheels, and the figures for the last month shows the road carried nearly two million tons, the biggest month in the history of the road, which is many years older as a coal carrier than is the Norfolk and Western.

Order of the Eastern Star.

Tazewell Chapter will hold its regular meetings on the second Friday in each month at 7 p. m. during the winter and 8 p. m. during the summer.

Special meetings at the call of the Worthy Matron.

Mrs. C. A. Thompson, W. M. Miss Trula Kiser, A. M. J. N. Harman, W. P.

MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES JUNE 3RD

Grosses of Honor Will be Conferred on Fifty Veterans on Next Monday When the Thin Gray Line Assembles Here in Annual Meet—E. L. Greaver the Orator.

Monday, June the 3rd, we, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, will celebrate Memorial Day, and award Crosses of Honor to fifty veterans.

The schedule of our trains limit us to such a short time for all we want to do for "sweet memory's sake" and for the pleasure and profit of the living, that we have decided as the Camp will hold their annual meeting at 10 o'clock, not to expect them to go to the cemetery, but to ask the children, and all who wish to accompany them, to assemble at the school building at 9:30 o'clock and march to the cemetery and lay their flowers tenderly and reverently on the graves of the soldiers buried there; march back to the moving picture theater, where Mrs. Mary O'Keefe will, in her earnest manner, tell the children why we observe this day, and why they must love and honor this work. After this, the management will give a picture show to the children.

At the close of the Camp the veterans and all friends of the cause, will assemble at the courthouse, where there will be music and the address by Mr. E. L. Greaver.

Judge S. C. Graham will read the rules for the bestowal of the Crosses of Honor, which will be delivered by young ladies who are descendants of veterans. Next comes the dinner to the veterans. We thank the community for contributing so generously to this.

We hope every one will come and by their presence do honor to the Confederate soldier.

MRS. G. W. DOAK, President of Tazewell Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy.

We Want to Talk to You About Paint This Week.

Puritan Ready Mixed Paints, Lead and Zinc, per gallon, \$1.75
Kerfrees Ready Mixed Paints Lead and Zinc per gallon, \$1.75
Hold Fast Ready Mixed Prints per gallon, \$1.50
Banner Ready Mixed Paints per gallon, \$1.50
Semi-Past Paints, by adding oil per gallon, \$1.45
Old Fort Ready Mixed Paints per gallon, \$1.35
Red Barn and Roof Paints, per gallon, \$1.00 and \$1.25
Elastic Green, per gallon, \$2.25
Paints for Rubberoid Roofings per gallon, 75c. and \$1.00
Asphalt Roofing Paints, 75c. and \$1.00
Anticorrosive Paints, will stop small leaks per gallon, 85c. and \$1.00
Elastic Roof and Metal Paints, in barrels, half barrels, 5 gallons, mix and one gallons, per gallon, 75c.
Dark Green, Deep Blue and Vermilion Red, little higher in price. Wagon paints, green and red in pints, quarts and half gallon cans. Carriage paints, Family paints different colors, in pint and quart cans. Enamels, in white and colors, pints, quarts and gallon cans. Porch floor paints for outside exposure, different colors. Liquid and Paste wood filler. Rubbing Varnish. Tinting colors. Harness Oils, Harness Dressing. Pure Neat Foot Oil. Liquid Gloss. Floor Fix. Jap-a-lam. Furniture Polish. Kerfatee Varnishes and Furniture Dressing. Gold and Silver paints. Metal polishes. Hard oils. Towers Dressing for Slicker Coats. Cylinder oils. Machinists. Pure Spts. Turpentine. Pine Tar in quart, half and gallon cans. Pure Linseed Oil. Bordeaux mixture in quart and half gallon cans. Alabastine, Calcimine. We guarantee our best paints, and will furnish a coat of paint free should it not do a good and lasting job, when properly applied. We buy direct from the paint makers, and guarantee to save you money. Special prices when used for painting churches.

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It was an able address, and greatly appreciated, not only by the members of the order but by the entire congregation. The music of the choir is also deserving of especial mention.

William and Mary Summer School.

Editor Tazewell Republican:— I feel sure that you will be pleased to publish a few particulars as regards the Summer Session of William and Mary College, which opens June the 19th at Dublin, Pulaski county, and continues for a period of eight weeks.

We southwest students feel that the summer session is a boon to our section of the state, and when it was definitely decided where the school would be located and the courses outlined the "Southwest Club" assembled and each member pledged himself to write his friends that "William and Mary was coming to the country to spend the summer." Now, since I am acquainted with you, Mr. Editor, and your paper, and know of its large circulation, I am taking the liberty of addressing this communication to the teachers of the southwest through your publication, knowing that in this way it will reach a vast number.

The Summer Session is especially for new teachers. The college has always been a man's college, and the management on this occasion will not depart from this ancient tradition. Academy and college work will be given. If your boy has a few units to make up for college entrance you can send him to Dublin where he will be able to do this extra work at one-eighth of what extra work costs at the colleges over the state.

If you are a teacher, we need you all the more, since the southwest teachers have not had the same chance to attend college as have those in the eastern part of the state. We feel that as William and Mary has a normal training department it would be wise for you to take the work in the summer school, said work to count as credits in the college in any degree.

Many teachers in the past have come to William and Mary who were receiv-

ing only forty dollars per month for teaching, remained here two years and secured positions at eighty dollars per month.

Board and tuition for two months at the Summer Session will be only thirty-five dollars. Books may be purchased second-hand or rented if you do not care to buy new ones.

We want YOU to meet us at Dublin. Our instructors will come prepared to give you something worth your while. The athletic coach will be there to train you in any sport you may choose. The student body will bring along the fruits of their literary society—which society trained Jefferson, Henry and many others. We expect a grand two months session, and no teacher or high school boy can afford to miss it.

W. M. GRIMSLEY, Williamsburg, Va., May 27, 1912.

BURKES GARDEN.

Items of Interest Concerning People You Know and Hear Talked Of.

Burkes Garden, Va., May 27. Prof. and Mrs. H. M. Eagle are visiting relatives in Bland, Va.

J. B. Meek attended the democratic meeting at Norfolk last week.

Miss Bettie Groseclose was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Richie Sunday.

Roy Meek and Bowen Long attended the carnival at Tazewell Saturday night.

Mrs. Virginia Heninger and daughter Corrie were shopping in Tazewell Monday.

Misses Sarah and Lettie Moss who attended school at Abingdon the past winter returned home Sunday.

Miss Lettie Mac Rhudy and Leith Dunn, who attended school in Mount Pleasant, North Carolina the past winter returned to their homes here Sunday.

Miss Katrina Gose who attended Elizabeth College, Charlotte, N. C., returned home Saturday accompanied by her father and mother who attended the commencement.

On last Thursday, May 23rd, Miss Orgeon Huddle, a very attractive and loved young lady of this place became the bride of Mr. Brown Crismond, a well known farmer of Smythe county. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. W. Hicks at 8 o'clock in the morning, amid best wishes of all their friends they left for there future home in Smythe county.

Teachers For Coming Year.

If the action of the school board of Jeffersonville district on last Tuesday be a criterion, there will be more changes in the staff of teachers at the high school for the coming year than ever before. The following appointments were made on Tuesday:

High School—Misses Lou Coulling and Mary Turk.

Seventh Grade—Miss Lottie McPherson.

Second and Third Grades—Miss Sallie Cox.

First Grade—Miss Maude Hannabus. It was determined to consolidate the fourth and fifth grades under one teacher, and the appointment for this, the sixth grade and principal of the school will be made Saturday.

Miss Bessie Jackson was reappointed to the position of music teacher.

Misses Pearl Vail, Ethel Steger and Virginia Carrington did not make application for their old positions, as they will teach elsewhere or be otherwise engaged during the coming year.

Death of Frank D. Belew.

Frank D. Belew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Belew, of Bristol, former residents of this place, met death by being accidentally electrocuted at Birmingham, Ala., on Wednesday of last week. Mr. Belew was in the employ of the Bell Telephone Company as electrician, and in making some repairs to the company's line got hold of a wire crossed with the electric light line, and was instantly killed.

The remains were brought here on Saturday and funeral services held in the Methodist church that afternoon, conducted by Rev. E. E. Wiley, and interment was made beside his brother, Ernest, in Maplewood cemetery.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Lena Kelly, who taught in the family of Louie Carr at Falls Mills during the winter, returned Sunday to her home in this place.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church are planting flowers, placing benches and sowing grass in the plot back of the church to make a small playground and resting place for the mothers and children of our little city—a worthy move and being well done.

There was no court on Tuesday on account of the illness of Judge Fulton Kegley. When court opened on Wednesday the case of Pen Lester for the killing of Luther Lowe and Robert Lester was called, but by agreement was continued to the next term of court.

Like Messrs. Johnson and Becker Mr. Jenks got his hardest knocks as an under officer and worked on the Pocahontas division of the Norfolk & Western.

He left the Norfolk & Western while he was serving as chief dispatcher and car distributor, and did his railroading when overtime and hard work was the lot of every man, especially dispatchers and chief dispatchers. When he came here he left position of superintendent of the Seaboard Air Line and had been promised a general superintendency if he would remain on that road, but the call of Bluefield and the mountain country along the Norfolk & Western was too strong, and like every other man who can be called back to Bluefield, and recognizing his ability the men have known for years that he would be in on the next list of promotions.

Mr. Jenks' record is as follows: Mr. Jenks was born March 21st 1876, near Raleigh, N. C. He entered the railway service in 1885 as telegraph operator of the Raleigh & Augusta Air Line railway, since which he has consecutively, November 1886 to September, 1887, with the Southern Railway; September, 1887 to January, 1889, agent and telegraph operator with the Norfolk & Western; January, 1889 to September 15 1901, successively train

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N. & W. OFFICIALS RECEIVE PROMOTION.

W. S. Becker Succeeds George P. Johnson As General Superintendent of Western Division and W. J. Jenks Is Made Superintendent of Pocahontas Division

The long expected changes in the officers of the Norfolk & Western railroad, at Bluefield, were announced on last Saturday, when it was given out from the general offices in Roanoke that W. S. Becker would succeed George P. Johnson as general superintendent of the Western division, and W. J. Jenks would succeed Mr. Becker as superintendent of the Pocahontas division.

No appointment the company could have made to the position of general superintendent would have been more popular with the employes and patrons of the road than that of Mr. Becker. He deserved it from every point of view—by ability, point of service, to preserve the spirit of the Norfolk & Western that promotions must come from the ranks—all indicated Mr. Becker as the logical man for the place. Firm, yet considerate, he is the ideal of the employes, and the same characteristics make him equally popular with the patrons of the road who come in contact with him.

The appointment of Mr. Jenks is of more than local interest, as he not only received his early training in the service in the never-to-be-forgotten days of hardships on the old Clinch Valley division, nearly a quarter of a century ago and by the further reason that he married a Tazewell girl—a daughter of our former townsman, Capt. D. B. Baldwin.

The following record of the two men as taken from the Bluefield Telegraph will be of interest to our readers.

W. S. Becker, who succeeds Mr. Johnson as general superintendent, was born in Selma, Ala., in 1857. After the war he and his father started north as they found opportunities were not very bright, and Mr. Becker's mother, who was a southern woman, went with them. When he was about twenty-one Mr. Becker took Horace Greeley's advice and went west and became a brakeman on the Union Pacific in 1879.

In 1882 Mr. Becker went to the Yellowstone division of the Northern Pacific and climbed the ladder to promotion there until he was made assistant superintendent in 1891. It may be news to some people, but Mr. Becker always had the "knack of making friends" and in 1889 his popularity elected him to the position of the state senator of Montana, which position he held when the "Stub Toe State" was admitted to the Union. Mr. Becker came to the Pocahontas division as assistant trainmaster in 1898, and after remaining there a few months, was promoted to the position of trainmaster on the Radford division, which position he left in 1901 to become private secretary to L. E. Johnson then general manager of the Norfolk & Western. In 1903 he was promoted to the superintendency of the Norfolk division and in August, 1905, he was made superintendent of the Pocahontas division, considered then as the toughest proposition on any railroad, as millions of tons of freight were originated on it, although it was a single track line. Railroading in those days was what General Sherman said of war, but Mr. Becker built around him an organization which everyone admits would do anything in the world for him.

It is doubtful if any man ever had more loyal friends than has Mr. Becker, and this became very apparent a few weeks ago when men with millions of dollars at stake urged the appointment of Mr. Becker as general superintendent, because they believed in the man, his organization, and his ability, as well as his willingness to do what he could for them.

The influence Mr. Becker has with the men will undoubtedly work to the advantage of W. J. Jenks, who is now Mr. Becker's successor, as superintendent of the Pocahontas division.

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CLINCHFIELD SELLS NOTES.

The Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway Company on Saturday announced the sale of the \$5,500,000 five-year 5 per cent, notes which it had decided to issue to extend its line from Dante Va., to Elk Horn City, Ky.

The notes are to be secured by a first mortgage on this extension. The additional line is to be 40 miles in length. It will connect with Northern roads and provide for rapid transit for the fruit and vegetables from the South to the Northern markets.

The Thomas F. Ryan interests are credited with controlling the Carolina-Clinchfield road, the securities for which are held by the Cumberland corporation.

Great Revival in Princeton.

The Rev. J. A. H. Shuler has closed a great revival meeting in the Methodist church, South, at Princeton, W. Va. He was assisted by Rev. John B. Culpepper and his son, the Rev. Burk Culpepper, evangelists, of Georgia, and the other ministers of Princeton. The attendance was the largest ever known in the town, filling the large and commodious church to its utmost capacity most of the time.

Two hundred or more members were added to the various churches. The preaching by the evangelists were of the highest type and greatly stirred the people. The church life of the town has been greatly quickened by these extraordinary meetings. All denominations joined in the revival and worked faithfully.

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Editor Tazewell Republican:— I feel sure that you will be pleased to publish a few particulars as regards the Summer Session of William and Mary College, which opens June the 19th at Dublin, Pulaski county, and continues for a period of eight weeks.

We southwest students feel that the summer session is a boon to our section of the state, and when it was definitely decided where the school would be located and the courses outlined the "Southwest Club" assembled and each member pledged himself to write his friends that "William and Mary was coming to the country to spend the summer." Now, since I am acquainted with you, Mr. Editor, and your paper, and know of its large circulation, I am taking the liberty of addressing this communication to the teachers of the southwest through your publication, knowing that in this way it will reach a vast number.

The Summer Session is especially for new teachers. The college has always been a man's college, and the management on this occasion will not depart from this ancient tradition. Academy and college work will be given. If your boy has a few units to make up for college entrance you can send him to Dublin where he will be able to do this extra work at one-eighth of what extra work costs at the colleges over the state.

If you are a teacher, we need you all the more, since the southwest teachers have not had the same chance to attend college as have those in the eastern part of the state. We feel that as William and Mary has