

## DELAYED CORRESPONDENCE FOR OUR LAST ISSUE.

A Voice For Roads.

Why Not, N. O.  
Jan. 22 1906.

Mr Editor:—The time is coming and now is when we shall hear the voice of the son of man, and one thing that I think should be sounded most, and loudest, in regard to public affairs, is good roads in Randolph county. We are able to build good roads and why not do it and quit this plan of taxing the people to hire some fellow to build mud pipes and mud holes in the road, for the people who have to go to market, or else where, to punish the poor dumb brutes that draw them.

Now I am reliably informed that the present road tax amounts to about \$6,000.00 per annum. Just think for one moment, Mr Reader or Mr Voter, Tax payer or what ever you may be, can you expect to see good roads in Randolph at that and the present system. If you please I would like to make just two suggestions—stop and think the whole thing over, and stop pulling money out of the peoples pockets for nothing; or go at it in a business like way. I for one am in for good roads and would say issue \$100,000 in bonds and limit them so that the people can pay them and go to macadamizing. We are paying enough road tax each year to pay the interest on \$100,000 in bonds. Had you given that a thought? By the time the \$100,000 is properly spent the people will begin to realize the benefit of good roads.

Gentlemen of Randolph, wake up on the subject of good roads and a long pull and a pull all together, then we soon can have that which we all desire and need so much. Lets hear from others on the subject.  
L. S.

### Plagiarism Items.

Mr and Mrs G W Parks, of Halison, visited at Mr Labon Slacks, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Luetta Newsom, of Randleman, is visiting her mother, Mrs Mary Newsom, this week.

Mrs Isiah Parks, who has been very ill with typhoid fever, is improving.

Mr Joseph Parks is the happy father of a new boy.

Messrs Mathew and Noah Cagle saw a large deer near Bransons Mill one day last week.

Miss Minnie Williams, is teaching near Michfield, visited her home Saturday and Sunday.

The little son of Mrs Crissie Luther died January 23th, from scarlet fever.

Mr and Mrs C O Bean entertained at an enjoyable birthday dinner last Sunday.

### Mr and Mrs Moon of Franklinsville.

Mr and Mrs Calvin Moon, of Coffeefield, Arkansas, are visiting friends and relatives in Franklinsville. Mr Moon is a son of the late John Moon, and brother of the late Henry Moon of this place and was raised in this community. He left here when a young man about 35 years ago and located in Indiana and returned in two years to marry Miss Jane Gibson, a daughter of the late Jessie Gibson, and took her back to his Indiana home where they remained about ten years. He then moved to Coffeefield, Arkansas, where they have spent the past twenty-three years. They are in good health and looking well and their many friends here are glad to shake hands. Mrs Moon's mother is living here and also three sisters Mrs W H Tippett, Mrs M G Buie and Mrs G C Cox. Mr Moon visited this county 25 years ago and Mrs Moon 14 years ago. We are always glad to see them.

### Millboro, R F D. No 1.

Mrs J W Pugh, who has been ill for so long, does not seem to improve. Marion Trogdon has purchased J W Pugh's interest in their mill, and is putting up a foundry at the mill.

Mr John M Allred, known as "Little John," has sold his real estate near Lineberry to Allred & Allred, merchants at Lineberry.

Mr W C Routh, better known as "Democratic Bill," is in poor health. His many friends sympathize with him in his affliction.

The convicts that were to come to Gray's Chapel by the last of August to work the roads in that vicinity, are still missing, but we have not lost a great deal for the present system of working roads is a nuisance.

I am glad to see that Randleman is taking a step in the right direction, and we must continue to agitate the question of good roads until our people become interested and then something will be done. Let us ask the next Legislature to allow us to issue bonds for money to expend on our public roads. It will give everybody employment who wants it and make times good, in addition to giving us good roads. If we had spent what our convict labor has cost us

in the right way, we would now have several miles of good roads in our county, but some will say they are opposed to making a debt for our grand children to pay. I would say to all such that if our grand fathers had given us good roads, we would now be able to pay for them. Instead of pulling our horses to death through the mud to make a dollar, we could pull three times as much and make three dollars where we now make one.

### Trinity News.

Miss Bessie Dunlap, who has been the efficient teacher of Latin, and English Literature, in Trinity High School, has resigned her position to become principal of a school in Norwood. Miss Dunlap will be greatly missed here, as she was not only a good teacher, but was a universal favorite.

Miss McCullers, who has been teaching music in Trinity High School, left for her home on Saturday.

The birthday reception at Mrs Nannie Craven's on Saturday evening was well attended. There were about twenty-five guests present. Refreshments were served in two courses. The gifts were numerous and very beautiful, and in this case it attests the popularity of the hostess as well as the generosity and good will pervading the entire community.

Mr De Wolfe, a R F D Inspector, has been here the past week seeing about establishing two more routes from Trinity postoffice.

Mr and Mrs McNeely, and Mrs Prof Johnson, of High Point, and Mrs Winningham, of Greensboro, attended Mrs Craven's reception on Saturday night.

Mr Carson English, of South Carolina, is here on a visit to his mother. Dr English was for a long time station agent at this place, and his friends are always glad to see him.

### Items from Sporo.

Our little village is on a boom. There are now two stores here in full blast. Mr Kanoy has a large stock of goods and is trading rapidly. Miss Pearl Neighbors has a position as book keeper and clerk.

We are sorry that Mr John Harrelson, a good neighbor, has left us and gone to Moore County.

Our public school is flourishing here, under the management of W R Ashworth, a teacher of 33 years' experience.

There is much life in and around Sporo.

There is also a mill going up here for sawing blocks and chair timber.

### Mr Brunner on Immigration.

Secretary T K Brunner, of the State Department of Agriculture, has sent letters to the officials of the Southern, Seaboard Air Line and Atlantic Coast Line, asking that they co-operate in the movement recently launched at Greensboro for the setting on foot of a system for attracting desirable immigrants to this State, especially by clubbing together of industrial societies, chambers of commerce and other organizations of the State in keeping an agent in Europe and having some trans-Atlantic steamship touch at Norfolk periodically to bring immigrants that are induced to ship for any of the various sections that may enter in co-operation with the effort.

The railroads are asked to give their influence for the inducement of a steamship to come direct to Norfolk. They may also be asked to contribute or make concessions in the way of rates for immigrants from Norfolk to points to which the immigrants securing may desire to locate.

### A Sure Cure.

There may be, and is, wide difference of opinion as to Dr Oaler's limit to age of usefulness, but he has a cure for gout that is guaranteed not to fail. It is as follows: "First, pick a handkerchief from the pocket of a spinster who never wished to wed; second, wash the handkerchief in an honest miller's pond; third, dry it on the bridge of a person who never was covetous; fourth, send it to the shop of a physician who never killed a patient; fifth, mark it with a lawyer's ink who never cheated a client; and, sixth, apply it hot to the gout terminated part. A speedy cure will follow."

In a recent magazine article Dr Henry Van Dyke, one of the best known and admired writers on ethical subjects, has written sensibly on "The School of Life." When a young man graduates he has taken only preparatory steps in his education; the schooling goes on through all the remaining years of his existence, and is finished so far as this world is concerned only when life ends.

## EARTH ROADS.

After Being Properly Constructed They Must Be Cared For.

The fact that we have been building roads in one form and another since our country was first opened up and have today but a very small percentage of them that may be called permanent roads makes it evident that it will be many years before the earth road ceases to be, says Good Roads Magazine. An earth road when it is properly constructed and drained is a good road, but to keep it good requires constant care and attention. It is quite out of the question to think that a road once built will take care of itself. In order to lead up to building stone roads communities should first give proper attention to the dirt road. Grades should be established, and if the present road official is, by lack of training or makeup, unfitted for the work of road building his place should be given to one more competent. When, however, a competent official is found he should be kept in office indefinitely.

First of all, road machinery should be purchased in order to get the best results with the least expenditure of money. It is just as absurd to attempt to build roads without proper tools as it would be to go back to the days of the old spinning wheel and scythe. In all parts of the country there is a growing sentiment in favor of changing from the labor tax to the money system. Great progress is being made in this direction, and it will not be long before practically every section of the country will be on the money tax basis. Then and not till then will the improvement in earth roads become universal.

### Professor Pupin to Build Good Roads

Professor M. I. Pupin of Columbia college, the inventor of the ocean telephone, who is building a large villa and expending thousands of dollars developing hundreds of acres of rocky and marshy land in Norfolk, N. Y., has offered laborers there \$2 a day for nine hours' work and \$5 a day for teams to work on his place, says the New York Herald. As a road builder Mr Pupin has few equals, say Norfolk people. First he lays old trees across the roadway to be improved, then a layer of rocks and stones, then the branches of the young trees and lastly a heavy coat of gravel and small stones, which gradually work their way down. The result is a hard and immovable roadbed which the waters cannot tear to pieces.

### Bad Roads Did It.

A farmer lad, so we've been told,  
With a team of horses strong,  
Drove down the road with a heavy load,  
While singing his merry song,  
But his mirth in song was not so long,  
For his horse gave a leap;  
As he ran amuck in the mud he stuck,  
Clear up to his axes deep.  
BAD ROADS DID IT.

And a wheelman gay went out one day,  
For a joyful, merry spin,  
With the weather bright his heart was light,  
As he left the country inn,  
But he went not far when he felt a jar,  
Which started his troubles and cares,  
He was laid up ill, while the doctor's bill,  
Came in with the one for repairs,  
BAD ROADS DID IT.

In an automobile of wood and steel,  
A millionaire prim and neat,  
Went out for a ride by the river's side,  
In a style that was hard to beat,  
But, alas, he found that the broken  
And the ruts and the holes so great,  
Had smashed a wheel of his automobile,  
What he said we cannot relate,  
BAD ROADS DID IT.

But we're glad to say there shines a ray  
Of hope that will right this wrong,  
When in every state they will legislate  
To help the good roads along.  
The man with his wheel or automobile  
Will never again get the blues,  
And the farmer smiles when traveling miles  
On a road that is fit to use.  
GOOD ROADS WILL DO IT.  
—Harry Ellard in Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

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