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MUST BE SIGNED.
All articles sent to the News for publication must be signed by the writer, otherwise they will not be published.

A GOOD ARTICLE ON GOOD ROADS.

The Hickory Democrat recently published an article by R. L. Shuford of Catawba county on the subject, "Why Catawba Should Build Good Roads." This article was awarded a prize at the Catawba county fair, and is one of the best summaries of good roads argument, from a practical standpoint, that we have seen. One thing the writer says is that good roads would bring about a better understanding between the county and town people. That is quite true, and would be of great mutual advantage. With understanding comes sympathy and cooperation. Here are some of the writer's facts and figures:

A farm that has 100 acres in cultivation requires at least two teams to cultivate this size farm. In Catawba the farms are, on an average, eight miles from market or railroad; put the difference of the amount of work done by each horse at \$5, hauling over good roads and bad ones, which makes \$20. A farm of this size usually has two wagons and two other vehicles of some kind. Put the saving at \$2.50 each and you have the saving of \$10 more, which will make \$30. The road tax on an average farm of this size, at 20 cents per hundred, will not be over \$2.

The objection, made by some people, that we are too poor to build good roads is a mistake. The fact is we are too poor not to build them. Increasing traffic makes the unimproved roads worse and worse. On them the cost of transportation is constantly increasing, and unless something is done, competition will force us out of business. There is not a single county in the State, where road improvement has been started, that the people are not anxious to carry it on as rapidly as possible.

FOUNDATIONS THAT LAST.

(New York World.)
Mr. Rockefeller's beneficence will be considered for some time to come in the light shed by Standard Oil. Motives will be ascribed. Doubts will be expressed. The money taint will be suggested.

Yet it is reasonably certain that in due season the good which this splendid gift must accomplish will be separated in men's minds from the methods of the grinding monopoly through which the Rockefeller fortune was accumulated. The hundreds of millions which go to establish the new Foundation for the advancement of civilization, the spread of knowledge and the relief of suffering will not make privilege, extortion and monopoly more tolerable. That much is sure. Properly used every one of these dollars will work forever against a repetition of such wrongs.

This is not the only Foundation whose bed-rock cannot be scrutinized agreeably. Empires, thrones, aristocracies, society itself, rest too often upon beginnings of which no one is proud. Fortunes gained in slaves, in strange practices on the Spanish Main, in smuggling, in carrying rum to aborigines, in extortion, in conquest, in downright piracy, long ago furnished energy, culture and devotion on the right side in many a fight for liberty and progress. Without money derived from sources now looked upon with disfavor some of the world's greatest heroes could not have rounded out their careers.

The offenses of Standard Oil are one thing. The benevolent employment of some of its hundreds of millions is another. Mr. Rockefeller's gift does not blot out in any degree the record made by his corporation or relieve him of the fullest responsibility for his part in its affairs. It stands by itself and is to be judged by its purposes and uses only. If they shall be timely, humanitarian, enlightening, just, they will serve not so much to obscure as to darken and magnify the practices that

greatly from age to age. In many respects it is a desperate game even now. Those who get money ruthlessly and those who keep it in miserly fashion are still in evidence. There should be praise of good deeds not only for the encouragement of the well-disposed but for the instruction of those who never felt a generous impulse or recognized an obligation to their fellows.

The Foundations that crumble are those whose superstructure sustains nothing but greed and injustice. The Foundations that last, no matter by whom laid, are those that bear aloft the true beacons of civilization and progress.

These are facts which neither sympathy nor rancor can change.

WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL.

(Wilson Times.)

This section of the country is truly blest. We have a genial, equitable climate where the long, rainy season, as in the tropics, does not depress the soul, nor the heavy snows that remain all winter long as in the North to freeze the marrow of the bones. The floods and storms visiting other sections are unknown here. Our laboring classes are contented and there is little real want, for our generous people help to look after the real necessities of their neighbors in providing employment for them. Therefore, the frightful, terrible strikes that afflict other parts of the country are unknown here.

We could live better than we do, if our people would only raise their living in this bounteous soil that will reward the intelligents and thrifty management.

The beef trust, and the meat trust, and all other trusts, should cause no fear to a people who can have everything they desire with a little energy and thought. Truly, this is a favored spot.

SHOULD NOT BLAME THE NEWS-PAPERS.

President Taft, fretful under the criticism heaped upon him, and realizing that he is losing the hold upon the people and his party, scores newspapers. This is hardly fair to the newspapers, since they have, almost without exception, been very friendly to Mr. Taft. The truth is that Mr. Taft was confronted with a stupendous proposition and didn't know how to handle it.

It was impossible for him to ride with the fringe and hold with the people. For his inability to successfully perform this feat he should not blame the newspapers.

FORTITUDE.

This is a grim old pagan virtue much needed in these days. Our privileged youth are in danger of having all hardihood cultivated out of them. They need to be taught resistance and the soul's defiance to matter. The life within should be trained to grapple with things without. Early, often and late should the lesson be taught our children. Not the easy thing, but the right thing, is the thing to do. Thus life will be disarmed of three-fourths of its terror, petty annoyances will be put to flight, and our youth will be shamed out of the whining habit. What right has the one who enters into the peace of others have fought for to beg off from disagreeable things. The things one does not like to do, whatever else goes undone, should be done. The pleasant, easy thing one so likes to do is the thing to renounce, to despise. The story of the Spartan youth, who stood unmoved while the young wolf stolen and concealed under his mantle, was clawing out his vitals, should have application to the youth of today. Out of it should spring the fortitude that would make forbearance in the interest of higher things, if not easy, still welcome. Surely Israel is weak when it concedes the stalwart virtues to paganism, and arrogates to itself only the soft virtues of patience, submission. Too little has been said and felt concerning the splendid triumph of human will of our martyrs, the defiance to suffering on the part of their sensitive natures. Spirituality, if any thing, applies a power to resist. It is a force that has not the power of continuance. Nothing but a mastery of the grind of drudgery will put an edge upon conscience that will last.

MORE WORK FOR WOMEN.

The United States government is said to be experiencing difficulty in getting good men to take the jobs as census enumerators even at the princely salary of two dollars a day. As a cure for this unfortunate malady a man whose name perhaps it is as well not to mention, comes forward with the ungalant suggestion that these cheap positions be given to

women.
Gracefully avoiding the dangerous question whether women should be asked to work for smaller wages than men, why shouldn't women make good census enumerators? They are fully as capable of adding columns of figures as men, and they are much better at making calls. They could get valuable statistics about clothes, servants, diseases and the price of butter, and the babies could be kissed as well as counted.

RETIRING MR. CANNON.

Congressman Gardner, of Massachusetts, is authority for the statement that "the uppermost wish of the President" is that Speaker Cannon should retire. Mr. Gardner is not an admirer of Mr. Cannon. Perhaps he has misunderstood or misinterpreted the President.

When Mr. Taft wants anything done in Congress he sends for Messrs. Cannon and Aldrich. It is a reasonable inference that if he wished one or both of these gentlemen to retire he would say to some time when they are at the White House receiving and giving counsel. They established their legislative system some years ago under Mr. Roosevelt, and it would be a great surprise to them if any mere President asked them to retire.

IN THE GARDEN OF LIFE

Ah, when I first began to plant
Life's garden close, I did not know
(For I was young and ignorant)
What choice of seeds I ought to sow.

And many things I planted there,
Alas! turned out but barren seeds.
And others died for want of care,
And many more proved noxious weeds.

But in the midst of all
A little slip grew, unaware,
And it had burgeoned fair and tall
Before I knew that it was there.

Around its head the sunlight drew,
The sweet earth drew around its root,
And fairer still in form it grew
To bud, to blossom and to fruit.

And now, so radiant it grows,
The garden is a magic power—
Spaces of perfume and of rose,
Soft-veiled with beauty and with flower.

—Charles Buxton Going, in Success Magazine.

TOWER OF BABEL.

Traditions as to the Height of the Famous Structure.
The actual height at which the last stone of that famous structure, the tower of Babel, rested, cannot on account of the remoteness of the times at which it is said to have existed, ever become more than a matter of mere conjecture. Herodotus, who lived about 1,700 years after that "great spiral way to heaven" is said to have been attempted, says that he saw at Babylon a structure consisting of eight towers raised one above another, each seventy-five feet in height, but whether this ruin was the remains of the tower of Babel is even then impossible to ascertain. Herodotus, usually minutely exact in his writings, leaves us in ignorance as to how the upper level of each of these seventy-five foot towers was reached from the level below.

As might be expected, even in tradition, a wide difference of opinion exists as to the height of the tower. Most orientalist maintain that God did not put a stop to the work until the tower had reached a height of 10,000 fathoms, or about twelve miles. In Ceylonese tradition, it is said to have been as high as 20,000 elephants, each standing one above the other. St. Jerome asserts on the authority of persons who had examined the ruins that it did not reach a

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They shouldn't be when
He lives by his pen;
I admit, but then
He raises the pig!
He lives by his pen,
And his profits are big.
—Puck.

SOAKED
"What time is it?"
"I don't know."
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