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GOOD ROADS BILL CLEARLY EXPLAINED

Washington, N. C., March 19, 1913.

There are some ideas embodied in the Good Road Bill for Beaufort County which I would like to attempt to make clear to the people. To a man who reads a statute it may not always be plain what the effect and operation will be unless he understands how the same statute has worked in other localities, or knows the conditions that particular provisions are intended to meet. As one who helped to draft the law for one county I seek this opportunity to give to the public some of the ideas that underlie the bill.

There is nothing original in the act. In all of its essential provisions it comes from statutes that have been found "workable" in different localities, being changed only when necessary to meet our own conditions. We will therefore be freed from the danger of experiment and have the confidence given us by knowing that all of the ideas of the bill have been tried and found to be satisfactory in their operation.

We are told by those in position to know that the most essential thing to do is getting a system of good roads to have the thing, that is equally important to all other enterprises, and that is, management. Unless your road work is going to have a responsible head to it, it can not be carried on successfully.

With the foregoing idea in mind, the bill provides for the appointment of a Highway Superintendent for the entire county. This man will have to give his entire time and attention to the supervision of the road work in the county. If the office is created this man will be in position to do more for the County of Beaufort than any individual, or body of men, in the county have ever been given opportunity to do. His office will be in a way, similar to the Superintendent of Education. He will have the position of seeing that the money spent on the maintenance of the roads of the county is judiciously used; and not wasted. If we get the right kind of man, and we can get him, he will see that this is done.

Until you get a road superintendent who is paid for his entire time, you will never get in operation a good system of roads.

This is the main reason why we have to have the road law to apply to the whole county. By having the whole county included the services of the proper man can be secured at a price that we can afford to pay, which, of course, would not be the case if we were dealing for one or two townships. We now have no one responsible head to such road work as is being done in the county. The road work in the county is nobody's business and we all know how such enterprises as that "prosper."

The Highway Superintendent will be under the supervision of the Good Road Commissioners, one from each township and one from the county at large. They will see that he does his duty and keep in touch with the needs of their sections and see that the money is equitably distributed.

The Good Roads Commission will be a non-political body. They should be chosen irrespective of party affiliations, with a view only as to their suitability to the office. I believe that we can easily get a Good Road Commission that will merit the confidence of the people.

It will be noted from reading the act that the funds derived from the sale of bonds, or from taxes, will be handled by the Treasurer of the County under the direction of the Highway Superintendent and Good Road Commission, thereby assuring proper management of it, without additional expense to the county.

The act provides that the maximum rate of taxation shall be twenty cents on each hundred dollars worth of property and thirty cents on the poll. This applies to all towns as well as the county.

No one will be subject to road duty, the roads being maintained entirely by taxation.

If the bond issue is carried there will be a fund sufficient to construct two hundred miles of high grade roads in the county, at one thousand dollars per mile, giving us all of our principal highways.

The tax rate mentioned, at the present valuation of the property in the county, will provide a fund sufficient to retire the bonds in forty years and furnish twenty-five dollars per mile, to be spent each year upon maintenance of all the public roads in the county, including the improved

highways.

Copies of the bill will be distributed freely throughout the county. I have already heard several statements made as to its provisions which cause concern. This, I believe, was due to lack of information. Every man will be given an opportunity to read the bill and then he will be in position to form his own opinion, based upon information from the best source.

An overwhelming majority of the people are for good roads. A great many of them may have doubts as to whether they will get them by adopting this act and putting in force this system in the county. The thing that convinced me in favor of this measure was that it had been tried in numerous other places where the results desired were secured. The experience of other counties should afford us the best guide.

Beaufort is naturally a rich county. We have wonderfully fine opportunities in agricultural lines. While we stand greatly in need of many things, I regard the demand for good roads as the most pressing. If we do not get them now we will be compelled to come to them some day. Advancing intelligence is compelled to drive before it the terrible high taxes of bad roads. The proposed measure, instead of adding to the taxes to be paid by our people, will make them less.

No man ought to let selfishness or partisanship influence him in deciding this matter. It should be so arranged that every voter should have the matter squarely before him so that in casting his vote he will be able to do so with his eyes open.

While Mecklenburg and Moore counties were making records as the banner good roads counties of the State, they are also witnessing the ruin in value of their farm lands from almost nothing to enormous prices. They will tell you there that they think that good roads did the job. They did not get good roads in those counties by abusing the men and measures that were working in that direction, but they opened their eyes and saw that the small taxes they would have to pay were not worth mentioning in connection with the benefits to be derived from the good roads, and, consequently, Mecklenburg and Moore county farmers are hauling five times the load that they hauled before, with greater ease, putting the money that this means in their pockets.

If Beaufort County had as good roads in it as Mecklenburg County, instead of having its total taxable property about nine million dollars, it would, at a conservative estimate, be twenty million. I believe this and I hope that we will have the pleasure soon.

If the voters of this county would take a trip through Moore County, we could carry by an overwhelming majority any bill that has the name of Good Roads to it.

I hope our people will lay aside small differences and work together for the great benefits to be conferred upon us all by good roads.

Yours truly,
HARRY McMULLAN.

SUFFRAGETTES KEEP LONDON IN SUSPENSE

London, March 21.—London has enough subjects of importance to interest the powers that be, if the militant suffragettes will only behave themselves. Elaborate preparations have been made for the celebration of Easter-tide, but there rear over the nation the threats of the workmen for votes for women to do something desperate to Easter parades. The anti-militants have lately taken to unusual methods also, but their operations are different from those of the militants, since their pranks are usually jokes upon their sisters fighting for the ballot. Recently the anti-suffrage demonstration at the headquarters of the militants by ordering van loads of groceries to be delivered at various votes for Women branches, which, of course, the suffragettes refused because they did not order them, although it was almost impossible to make the shopkeepers and deliverymen believe their protestations.

Whether Germany has a war with France or not, will make little difference to Great Britain in concern, although it is not believed here that matters will come to so grave a crisis. Trouble between France and Germany has been threatened at intervals for the past decade and there are some who believe that war must come to bring to an end the feeling existing between the two countries, which not even diplomacy has failed to hide. What ever happens England is determined not to be drawn into the imbroglio and it is believed that both Germany and France have been given to understand as much.

After three consecutive years when there has been "something the matter" with London's social season from the hotel and steamship managers' point of view, the coming summer bids fair to break the hoodoo and be the most successful in many years.

Three years ago the death of King Edward put a blight on social activity and caused many Americans to go elsewhere. A year later similar conditions were caused by the reports of the extravagant prices charged in London at the time of the coronation of King George V. Last year the season was not up to the mark, so far as American visitors were concerned, because of the political situation in the United States.

Preparations for the marriage of the Princess Victoria Louise, the only daughter of the Kaiser, and Prince Ernst, son of the Duke of Cumberland, are in full swing.

The court dressmakers are sitting up nights designing and making gowns for the bride. The Empress and the Princess selected the goods and picked out the designs for the work, which has begun on the wedding gown.

The Court Marshal is busy making plans for the festivities and the various municipalities are appropriating funds for wedding gifts. Rooms at the Esplanade, the Kaiserhof, the Adlon and other hotels have already been reserved for numerous visitors.

RARE OLD BONES AT SUSKIN & BERRY'S

Shelby and Berry are still receiving daily assortments of human bones, which are cheerfully exhibited to all who call.

The skull and set-of-bones shovelled up this morning by the negroes who are digging sand at the back of the store for the purpose of mixing mortar for building on the extra story contemplated by this firm, makes the fourth yet uncovered.

Clearly, the spot is on the site of some ancient graveyard. Or possibly, the diggers may stumble within the next few days upon chest of buried treasure. According to the best traditions, the pirates which formerly infested the Carolina coast were accustomed to make half a dozen graves or so carry their weighty treasure chests to some secluded spot, and bury it deep and secure. When the hole had been dug and the treasure deposited, it was sometimes customary—says tradition—for the bloody pirate chiefs to make assurance doubly sure by prudently knocking all their assistants in the head, and filling up excavation with their own hands, in order that they alone might know the location. Thus, in all first class stories of buried treasure, a lot of human bones are invariably dug up before the discovery is made.

FEATURE PICTURES HEAD LYRIC PROGRAM

Motion pictures and good ones too head the program at the Lyric for their opening during this week, and as a picture offering they are unsurpassed in quality and present a strong and pleasing bill.

Today's program at this place of amusement offer another strong bill and a class that has full amusing value. A glance through their ad, that appears elsewhere in today's columns give you a full idea of it.

One of the greatest features on motion pictures will be the great six reel feature to be exhibited Saturday: "Deadwood Dick," a thrilling western drama and considered to be one of the best western subjects ever shown.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all the people who were so kind and attentive in helping to nurse Miss Lizzie Daw during her death-sickness.

Sincerely,
MR. AND MRS. J. W. PAUL.

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Were You Among the Fortunate Purchasers?

Yesterday a local merchant published a very important announcement in The Daily News, which enabled a number of people to effect a great saving.

Were you among the fortunate? This splendid opportunity was presented to all the readers of the Daily News but only those who have formed the habit of reading the advertisements closely and constantly every day were able to grasp it.

There are similar opportunities presented in The Daily News's advertising columns every day. Today it may be a special sale of furniture. Tomorrow it may be an offering of Easter Suits. Every day new things are featured. Merchants tell you their most important store news.

So you see it pays to read The Daily News continuously. By doing so you will always be well informed regarding the new arrivals, the latest and most fashionable merchandise, and never miss an opportunity to save money.

FREE TREATMENT OFFERED FOR HOOKWORM

The State Board of Health, acting with Beaufort County, will establish and treatment of hookworm and dispensary for the free examination and treatment of hookworm and other parasitic diseases at the following places under the direction of Dr. C. L. Pridden, of the State Board of Health, assisted by Mrs. C. L. Pridden: Aurora, Tuesday, March 25th and April 1st and 8th and 15th and 22nd and 29th; Belhaven, Wednesday, March 26th and April 2nd and 9th and 16th and 23rd and 30th; Pinetown, Thursday, March 27th and April 3rd and 10th and 17th and 24th and May 1st; Chocowinity, Friday, March 28th and April 4th and 11th and 18th and 25th and May 2nd; Washington, Saturday, March 29th and April 5th and 12th and 19th and 26th and May 3rd.

In Lee county 2,100 people were examined, in Tyrrell county 2,500, in Wake county 2,300, in Washington county 3,000, in New Hanover 2,500, Stokes 2,300, Beaufort 4,500, Surry 5,300, Yadkin 5,500, Columbus 6,500, Pender 6,000, Onslow 7,500, Wilkes 8,000, and over fifty per cent of these people were found infected and were treated. Similar work by five other experts has been done in over seventy-five counties of the one hundred in our State and similar results obtained. There are many cases of this disease in Beaufort county which can be made strong and healthy in a very short time, with no expense and little trouble. It is a duty each citizen, young and old, owes his county and State to have this examination which has been provided and thus help rid the county and State of this devastating disease. We confidently expect to examine 3,000 people while in the county. Many of the ailments people complain of have been found to be due to hookworm, such as headaches, dizziness, indigestion, heart troubles, kidney troubles, sometimes apparent, consumption, rheumatism, etc. No one should consider themselves safe until the examination with the microscope proves negative, as we find red-faced men weighing 300 pounds, people from one year to ninety-one years old and all conditions oftentimes infected. Remember that no examination will be made except by microscope. In order to do this each one should get a very small tin box, such as a salve box, put a very small amount of bowel movement therein and put the name and age on the lid and bring with them to the dispensary. It is not necessary for all to come. One person can come and bring the boxes from a whole family or community. These will be examined by microscope and if infected a treatment will be given which can be taken at home. Boxes can be obtained at the dispensary by asking for them.

A very large number were found infected and treated in Beaufort county last year but owing to the bad weather many did not get full treatments nor returned to see if they were cured. All these should bring specimens now to see if they are fully rid of hookworm or if they have become infected again. On account of the severe weather last year the State is giving Beaufort county another chance. Don't miss it as it is probably last chance you will have. Everybody, whether they have been examined or not, should send specimens this time. Don't wait, send specimens from the whole family from one year old up now. Come and see under the microscope the little live worm that causes grounditch.

Come out and hear the illustrated lectures, and if you know of a poor palefaced boy or girl bring them out and let us bring the roses back to their cheeks.

Mrs. Pridden will be present as assistant to Doctor Pridden, and the ladies may come and consult with her. The State and county have gone to the trouble and expense of bringing this treatment to you. Don't put off coming until the crowds grow so large that you will have a long time to wait or miss it. It may mean the saving of many dollars, or even life itself to you or some loved one. The opportunity has been brought almost to your very door for a short time; it is yours for the simple asking.

BIG FENCING TOURNEY

New York, March 21.—The finals in the tournament of the International Fencing Association will be played here during the next three days, beginning tonight at the Hotel Astor. Representatives from the Navy, the University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburg, Harvard, Yale, Cornell and Columbia are to compete.

BIG CROSS COUNTRY RACE

Chicago, March 21.—Prominent athletes from the Middle West and East are arriving here today to take part in the first race of the newly organized Midwestern Cross Country Association, to be held tomorrow. It will be a five-mile event and is open to all registered athletes of the A. A. U.

LARGER NAVY DEBATED

The John H. Small Debating Society met last evening and debated the query, "Resolved, That the U. S. Should Enlarge Her Navy."

The affirmative side was advanced by Messrs. Jesse Woolard, John Cotton Taylor, William A. Blount, Jr., while the negative was upheld by Messrs. Garland Baker, Howard Bowen, Elbert Westcott.

The debate was unusually spirited, the judges deciding in favor of the affirmative.

The declaimers were Ray Warren and Francis Charles, the decision for the best declamation going to Mr. Charles.

After the program had been carried out, the society adjourned until March 26.

LITTLE BOY SHOWING PLUCK

The condition of little Matthew Harrington, brother of Mr. Harrington of the Harris Hardware Co. and son of Mr. W. H. Harrington, Sr., of Greenville, who is lying in the Fowle Memorial Hospital, continues to improve. The little fellow, who is suffering from a broken hip, met with his accident a few days ago while visiting with his mother in the country about two miles from here. He was attempting to climb a gate, which broke and fell upon him.

Matthew, who is only three years old, is undergoing his suffering with admirable pluck.

MISSIE BURLESON VISIT PARENTS

Washington, March 21.—Miss Lacy Burleson and Miss Sidney Burleson, daughters of Postmaster-General and Mrs. Burleson arrived here today to spend the Easter vacation with their parents. They will receive much social attention during their stay.

YOUR EASTER HATS BY MADAM

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STORM WARNING NOW DISPLAYED

MRS. DUDLEY DIES AT HOME OF DAUGHTER

This afternoon at 3:30 the funeral services over the body of Mrs. W. C. Dudley are being held at the residence on the corner of Third and Piece streets, conducted Rev. H. B. Bearight, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

For some time past, Mrs. Dudley has been ill of a complication of diseases, including heart trouble. She experienced a sudden turn for the worse last Tuesday, and in spite of every possible effort to prolong her life, she grew rapidly worse until the end came yesterday morning.

Mrs. Dudley was born July 13, 1853, her maiden name being Lorraine Forbes. She was born and raised in Pitt county, near Greenville. About 30 years ago, she was married to Mr. W. C. Dudley, a prominent business man of the section. The family moved to Washington 19 years ago, where Mrs. Dudley has resided since. About eight years ago her husband died. For sometime previous to her death, she had resided in the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. A. Watson, at the corner of Third and Piece streets.

She is survived by three sons, Messrs. W. L. Dudley, W. C. Dudley, and Claude Dudley, all of Washington, and by three daughters, Mrs. Hugh A. Watson, Miss Pearl Dudley, and Miss Lorraine Dudley, and by three sisters in the vicinity of Greenville.

The pall-bearers are Messrs. O. M. Winfield, T. J. Harding, W. B. Windley, Z. N. Leggett, Edward Hoyt, and Wilson Russ.

TURKEY ALARMED AT LOSS OF GOOD CITIZENS

Constantinople, March 21.—The Turkish authorities are anxious to put a stop to the outflow of useful citizens, but there are ways and means here by which officials may be squared. Steamers have been in the habit of stopping at certain well known points outside the harbor for the express purpose of taking on board emigrants who join the ship from small sailing boats.

The government tried to stop this practice by inflicting heavy punishment on "careless" officials who permitted intending emigrants to slip through their fingers in this manner, and it also punished many other people who used to make a very good living by assisting army deserters out of the country. As a last resort the authorities seized upon the plan of arresting the nearest relatives of deserters, but all this does not stop the flow of emigration.

The only result has been that instead of single individuals whole families have been leaving the country, greatly to the profit of the shipping companies, first among which is the Austrian Lloyd.

MARCH 21 IN HISTORY

- 1491—The new epoch and sacred year of the Jews established.
- 1512—Juan Ponce de Leon landed in Florida and claimed the honor of the discovery, although Sebastian sailed along the coast in 1497.
- 1778—The American ministers, Franklin, Dean and Lee, publicly received at the French court.
- 1801—Battle of Aboukir, or Alexandria, in Egypt, between the French, and the British and Turks.
- 1804—The House of Representatives passed a bill providing for the protection of American seamen and ships by armed forces from the attacks of the Barbary powers.
- 1815—Bonaparte entered Paris, the Bourbons having previously evacuated it, on the news of his landing from Elba.
- 1864—Nevada admitted as thirty-sixth State.
- 1891—General Joseph E. Johnston died.
- 1904—Free trade with Philippines urged by Secretary of War Taft by committees of Congress.
- 1912—By a coal mine explosion at McCurtain, Okla., 52 men were killed.

BACON SAYS IT'S TOUGH

London, March 21.—Robert Lee Bacon, eldest son of the retiring United States Ambassador to France is here today waiting to sail tomorrow on the Mauretania for New York, where he will rejoin his fiancée, Miss Virginia Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Murray of New York.

"It is pretty tough for me to be away at such a time," today said young Bacon, who used to pull a good car in the Harvard varsity crew. "Two days before our engagement was announced I had to sail from New York on business on the continent. Worse luck! I do not know when the wedding will take place, but I hope it will be soon."

INSPECTING THE CHURCHES

New York, March 21.—Next Sunday the Socialist pulpit of St. Mark's Church on the Bowery will send out a committee of ten men to visit ten churches and report on the sermons preached. St. Mark's pastor declares that everything is being inspected in New York but the ministry, so the Socialists are trying to find out whether the churches are in sympathy with their principles or not.

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