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GOOD ROADS.

The county with paved or macadamized roads in North Carolina is an exception. Few counties have given attention to the permanent improvement of the public roads. The most that has been done in this county consists in grading, scraping and leveling off the dirt surface which is cut into holes as soon as the rains stir up the mud. A great deal of time has been lost in this county in doing what is called "grading" the roads, throwing them up in the middle. This idea was suggested by the fact that somebody had either worked or seen railroads graded. And at first when the work and ditching the roads were begun they resembled a newly constructed railroad. Since then there has been considerable improvement; yet there could be much more improvement if an expert were employed to instruct as to the best methods.

Much time has been lost in some sections in going below a surface of gravel to get red dirt to throw up in the middle of the road, for no other reason than that some farmer through whose lands the roads were being worked wanted his road graded. The farmer should be taught that the less plowing done in the red clay, except to level up and get the water off, the better for the roads. There is a great deal of work being done on the roads in this county, and, in the main, it is very satisfactory considering the tools and equipment and the manner of the work. The roads are at least fifty per cent better than they were before the road force was used to scrape and level them off.

There is considerable agitation at the present time about the issue of bonds for the permanent improvement of the public roads. Statistics show that from 50 to 75 per cent larger loads can be hauled on hard material than can be hauled on dirt roads. This fact should interest every farmer in the state; for good roads mean many dollars in the pockets of tillers of the soil, while bad roads are a hindrance to their success.

The movement for good roads should appeal to everybody. Any one who can figure can sit down and demonstrate that good roads will pay for themselves long before the expiration of the issue of bonds which provided for them. This has been demonstrated in many instances in other states. Good roads are built for all time, and if properly constructed will last indefinitely. The good roads of the ancients, especially the Appin Way, are still in good condition. We have no hope of doing much in the way of building good roads unless it is done by bond issue.

The county convicts are now engaged in building bridges, and the time from now until spring will probably be occupied in the erection of bridges. The Courier advocated this years ago. The plan was adopted last year in building bridges in the winter time. It proved to be most successful and it is now practically understood that no bridges will be built in the county except by the road force. This county now has a great deal of money invested in bridges and it is the only county in this section of the state that we know of that has more than one or two covered bridges; and we are building them every year under the present management of the county. The fact that so many bridges are required in this county is because of the great number of water courses. We know of no county in the state so well watered as is Randolph. Another reason for the building of so many bridges is that our county finances are well managed and we have the money with which to build them. This is due to the economy and good management of the excellent board of commissioners who have been in charge of the county affairs.

Albemarle, Stanly, wants to vote bonds for improving the town.

THE GREAT MISSISSIPPI FLOOD.

With the earth covered with snow and hail and as it melts under the rays of the sun and everything on the earth is turned to slush and mud, we sometimes complain at the elements. At other times we have rain sometimes for days and almost weeks at a time, then it is that we complain again of our lot in life. But here in North Carolina we enjoy blessings which we do not realize and appreciate. Along the Mississippi River on both sides, one of the richest sections on earth, where it is said that the pumpkin vines grow so rapidly that the pumpkins themselves are worn out before they are grown in their efforts to keep up with the vine, about this time of the year there is always a flood which breaks the embankments or levees, overflows the plantations and devastates sometimes entire farms often washing them away and changing the course of the river. Many of the inhabitants along the Mississippi are living in boats, and Memphis and other cities along the river are largely covered by water.

SHIRKING JURY DUTIES.

One reason that people shirk jury duty is because of the treatment jurors receive after they are impaneled. They are required to cut themselves off from the world, are not allowed to read newspapers when impaneled in important cases. In securing the jury in the Thaw case recently in New York an impetus has been given to the opposition of trial by jury. The restrictions thrown around jurors were emphasized in this case, and men who are accustomed to active, business life find it difficult to confine themselves with the tediousness of a long trial. It works upon man's nerves; it binds him as though he were in irons. This fact no doubt contributes largely to the prevailing sentiment in some sections favoring the abolishing of trial by jury and substituting therefor trial by three judges, the argument being that under the law a man should be tried by his fellows, yet a criminal is not required to be tried by fellows who are his equals. But justice can be arrived at better, they claim, by three competent and capable judges than by twelve ordinary jurors. North Carolina will stick to the jury system for a long time yet, and we doubt if any state will make the change, or if it is made, it will only be as an experiment.

ROAD HANDS REQUIRED BY LAW TO WORK.

The idea prevails with a great many that persons between the ages of 18 and 45 are not now required to work the roads six days in the year as was formerly the custom. There has been no change in the law in this county and the road hands are still required to work the public roads. We make this statement for the reason that recently several people have told us that they have been informed by persons who claim to know, that there was no law compelling any one to work the roads. The same idea prevailed in Guilford County a few years ago when the County Commissioners took the matter in charge and required every overseer to notify the hands, and those who failed to work they required them to swear out warrants against them; and we are informed that very few warrants were sworn out as people responded promptly and worked the roads. A general movement should be made in this county, and it strikes us that the commissioners of the county should call attention to the fact, if the people will not work the roads as they should do, and see that the overseers do their duty; and if the overseers fail to do their duty there is a law provided for dealing with them, and it should be enforced.

Gray's Chapel.

C. H. Reiding, who has been seriously sick for the past two months, is improving slowly. J. A. Houth is seriously sick. Mr. and Mrs. Tyson Nixon have a new corner at their home. Married—At the residence of Manly Luck, the officiating justice of the peace, at Biscoe, N. C., Wednesday, January 30th Mr. Norman G. Dunn to Miss Mary J. Maness. Both the contracting parties are young people and residents of the vicinity Biscoe.

NOTICE.

Notice is given that application will be made to the General Assembly now in session to enact a law authorizing the citizens of Trinity Township to vote on the issuance of Bonds to macadamize the Public Roads of said Township. This Feb'y 4th 1906.

J. PARKIN, T. J. FINCH.

SHORT ITEMS.

Pearle Elliott, of Handy, has accepted a position with J. K. Hankin, at Lexington.

Lawrence Harrison, clerk at the Elwood Hotel at High Point, has resigned to accept a similar position with the Central at Charlotte.

The electric company, of High Point, refused to light the streets Saturday because the town had failed to meet the January account on the new contract. The matter was soon straightened out, however.

Mr. Sam Bradshaw, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Bradshaw, will leave in a few days for New York to take a position in the office of the American Tobacco Company. He has been employed in the local freight office of the Southern Railway.—Greensboro Patriot.

In the Superior Court at Concord the jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the case against George Hill for killing Ransom Krider, January 18th, 1906. The case consumed less than an hour.

Representative Murphy has prepared a bill for a legalized primary for Rowan, with particular application to Salisbury and Spencer. This bill provides that every political primary election held by any political town in Rowan county for the purpose of choosing candidates for county, city, town and township officers or for any other purpose shall be conducted under the provisions of this act.

A boiler exploded at the new lumber mills of Messrs Holmes, Reid, and James Lanier, near Handy a few days ago, almost completely wrecking the plant. Reid Lanier was painfully, though not seriously injured. The fire which followed the explosion was soon controlled by prompt effort of the Morris pump factory.

The trial of Harry Thaw, for killing White in New York, began in earnest Tuesday. The defense pleads hereditary insanity. The case was called two weeks ago, and the entire time of the court was consumed up to Tuesday, in selecting the jury.

Winter residents of Southern Pines (wealthy northern people, who spend a part of the year in the State) have petitioned Legislature to grant them privileges of the ballot in matters pertaining to local government.

An Appeal.

Dear readers of the Courier: I feel impressed to speak of the situation of Mrs. Corinna Kennedy in regard to the loss of her barn, horse, mule, cow etc by fire, which is estimated at five hundred dollars, without insurance. I have lived by Mrs. Kennedy for a number of years and know her to be a good, christian woman. A better friend could not be found in case of sickness. She was left a widow with four children several years ago and her equal has not been found for industry and economy and well it might be said of her "she hath done what she could" She was always cheerful and hopeful, but now she is very much discouraged. Let me ask the readers of the Courier to kindly come to her aid and help her start again. Just one dollar from each one would make up the loss and no one would feel any poorer by it. What we have is ours for only a short time, and very soon we will be called to give an account of our Stewardship here.

Let us remember God's promises and help the widow in her distress and learn a lesson of trust and obedience. Let all contributions be sent to Mrs. Corinna Kennedy, Trinity N. C. R. F. D. No. 1. MRS. E. C. CRANFORD.

Its the highest standard of quality, a natural tonic, cleanses your system, reddens the cheeks, brightens the eyes, gives flavor to all you eat. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will do this for you. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. —Standard Drug Company.

W. G. Lewallen, who is proprietor of a large mercantile establishment in Tampa, Fla., stopped over in Asheboro yesterday on his way to New York.

An inanimate love attracts no one—it repels, and always will.

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TURTLE OIL
25 Cents
Great Emergency Friend to Man and Beast. Pain Subduing, Healing, Limbering.
Largest and Best.
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Manufacturing Chemist
GREENSBORO, N. C.

Ramsey Items.

Mr. W. T. Foushee, our popular representative, spent Saturday and Sunday with his family near town. He left on the noon train to visit the State Normal & Industrial College, Greensboro, with the other members of the Educational Committee. We are pleased to see our representative looking so well. He had not missed a single roll call up to Saturday.

Miss Cottie Ellis, of Sanford, visited friends in town this week.

The Ramsey Cornet Band is making fine progress under the leadership and instruction of Prof. Warburton, of Asheboro. He is a fine musician and inspires his students to do excellent work. We feel proud of our band and congratulate it upon securing the services of Prof. Warburton.

The weather today, Monday, proves that the ground hog saw his shadow.

Messrs. Reece and Cox, of Cedar Falls, were in town Sunday. Mr. J. D. Dorsett, of Dorsett, and J. C. Gregson, of Siler City, were in town Monday.

Rev. J. W. Patton, of Elon College, filled his pulpit in the Christian church Sunday, preaching able sermons.

It's a good old world after all; If you have no friends or money, In the river you can fall; Marriages are quite common and, More people there would be, Provided you take Rocky Mountain Tea. —Standard Drug Company.

Business Locals.

Notices inserted under this head at one cent a word each insertion.

Every lady who desires to preserve her good looks should buy one of those "Wrinkle Removers" kept at Asheboro Drug Co.

You own good stock if you buy from R. R. Ross. He has a car of select horses and mules.

WANTED:—10 men in each state to travel distribute samples of our goods and tack signs. Salary \$25.00 per month, \$3.00 per day for expenses. SAUNDERS (M), Department P. 46 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

The new magazines are on hand, together with a fresh lot of Ballard Inn books. Asheboro Drug Co.

Ross Stables, Asheboro, for fine stock.

WANTED:—Lady to advertise our goods locally. Several weeks home work. Salary \$12.00 per week \$1.00 per day for expenses. SAUNDERS (M), Dept. W 46-48 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago Ill.

Those fresh garden seeds are here and going rapidly—wood's seeds are winners. We have onion sets also. Asheboro Drug Co.

R. R. Ross will have a nice car of horses and mules at his stables this week.

WANTED STAVES—Highest cash prices paid for all kinds of staves for Norfolk market. Apply to E. A. Hammer, Asheboro, N. C.

We have a lot of good five cent cigars which we propose to sell on Saturdays only at 3 for ten cents. We want to make room for new goods coming in. Asheboro Drug Co. (next to the bank.)

See R. R. Ross about horses and mules.

TAX NOTICE.

Last Round for Collection of Taxes for 1906.

I will attend the following times and places for the collection of the taxes for 1906.

Allen Store.....	Monday afternoon, Feb. 18.
Kemps Mills.....	Tuesday forenoon, Feb. 19
Thomas Hinshaw's Store	Tuesday, afternoon, Feb. 19.
Coleridge.....	Wednesday, Feb. 20.
Cheeks.....	Thursday forenoon, Feb. 21.
Moffitt.....	Thursday afternoon, Feb. 21.
Tyson Store.....	Friday forenoon, Feb. 22.
Yow's Store.....	Friday afternoon, Feb. 22.
Mitchell.....	Saturday forenoon, Feb. 23.
Trinity.....	Wednesday at night, Feb. 20.
Archievale.....	Wednesday at night, Feb. 20.
Redding & Blair's Store.....	Thursday forenoon, Feb. 21.
Flint Hill.....	Thursday afternoon, Feb. 21.
Crotts Store.....	Friday forenoon, Feb. 22.
N. R. Skeen's.....	Friday afternoon, Feb. 22.
Pine, Wood Store.....	Saturday forenoon, Feb. 23.
A. W. Fuller's Store.....	Saturday afternoon, Feb. 23.
Randleman Monday.....	Feb. 23.
Central Hotel.....	Monday night, Feb. 25.
Naomi.....	Tuesday, Feb. 26.
Randleman B. House.....	Tuesday, night, Feb. 26.
Worthville.....	Wednesday forenoon, Feb. 27.
Central Falls.....	Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 27.
Sophia.....	Thursday forenoon, Feb. 28.
Edgar.....	Thursday afternoon, Feb. 28.
Glennola.....	Friday forenoon, Feb. 1.
Cedar Falls.....	Monday forenoon, Feb. 1.
Franklinville.....	Monday afternoon, Feb. 4.
Ramsey.....	Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 5.
York & Frazier Store.....	Wednesday forenoon, Feb. 6.
Staley.....	Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 6.
Liberty.....	Thursday afternoon, Feb. 7.
Red Cross Friday afternoon.....	Feb. 8.
Widow Channess.....	Saturday forenoon, Feb. 9.
Mechanic.....	Monday afternoon, Feb. 11.
Farmers.....	Tuesday, Feb. 12.
Deik & Cameron Store.....	Wednesday forenoon, Feb. 13.
R. C. Johnson's Store.....	Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 13.
Judge Shaw Store.....	Thursday forenoon, Feb. 14.
J. E. Carter Store.....	Thursday afternoon, Feb. 14.
Pigah.....	Friday, Feb. 15.
Seagrave.....	Saturday forenoon, Feb. 16.

This is my last round for the collection of the taxes for the year 1906, and all who have not paid their taxes are urged to meet me at the above times and places and pay. I am compelled to settle the taxes and shall be forced to levy on all who fail to meet me and pay their taxes this round.

Very truly yours,
T. J. FISCHER, Esq.

This Feb. 5, 1907.

FOR SALE—Good five-room house near Cox Lumber Co., on Salisbury street. Apply to J. R. STEED, Asheboro, N. C.

The new electric system to furnish lights and power for both Salisbury and Spencer, was put in operation Saturday.

The Fidelity & Casualty Company, OF New York, HAS ISSUED A POLICY Which Provides Weekly Indemnity Until Age 70 or Until Death. It is practically A LIFE PENSION Besides Insuring You Against Death as a Result of an Accident or from Sunstroke, Freezing, Asphyxiation or Hydrophobia. If as the result of an accident you are permanently disabled, this Policy pays you the weekly indemnity for the space four years, and will then in case of death, pay the face of the policy. Wachovia Loan & Trust Co. Agents. J. M. Harrell, Mgr., High Point.

O. R. COX, President. W. J. ARMFIELD, V. Pres. W. J. ARMFIELD, Jr., Cashier. The Bank of Randolph, Asheboro, N. C. Capital and Surplus, \$36,000.00 Total Assets, over \$150,000.00 With ample assets, experience and protection we solicit the business of the banking public and feel safe in saying we are prepared and willing to extend to our customers, every facility and accommodation consistent with safe banking. DIRECTORS: Hugh Parks, Sr., W. J. Armfield, W. F. Wood, P. H. Morris, C. C. McAllister, E. M. Armfield, O. B. Cox, W. F. Redding, Benj. Moffitt, Thos. J. Redding, Dr. E. Capel, A. M. Rankin, Thos. H. Redding, Dr. Ashby, C. J. Cox.

Dr. W. H. Wakefield, of Charlotte, N. C., will be in Randleman at The Hotel on Friday Feb. 8th for the purpose of treating diseases of Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat, and fitting Glasses. 1906 was a "lean year" on farmers and others, and the doctor will, on this visit, test eyes for glasses, at one half the usual fee.

HIGH POINT BUGGIES Are THE Best. We also handle J. I. Nissen Wagons, Johnston Harvesting Machinery, Mowers, Stoves, Ranges, Mill Supplies, all kinds of Hardware. Lewis & Winslow Hardware Company.

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