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Good Road Bills Introduced.

H. B. Varner in Lenoir Topic.

I wish to call your attention to three bills that are now before the General Assembly relating to the construction of good roads in North Carolina.

The first relates to the State giving road engineering assistance to the counties.

The need of such assistance by a majority of the counties in the State, in connection with the road work, is very apparent to anyone who has investigated even in a casual way the road work of the various counties. On account of the road work not having the supervision of competent road engineers, there is an annual loss of \$500,000 of the revenue that the counties have provided for their road work. There is no doubt but that this amount can be saved if the road funds are spent under the supervision of men who know how. In this bill the necessary revenue is to be provided by a tax on automobiles.

The bill was thoroughly discussed at the last meeting of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, which was well represented by the automobilists from all over the State, and it was the unanimous opinion that the automobilists would pay such a tax, provided the money thus raised was used for the betterment of the public roads.

The second bill, relating to the use of State convicts in public road construction, is a bill that also received practically the unanimous support of the Good Roads Association and the unanimous support of the North Carolina Press Association at their 1912 meeting. This bill provides that all able bodied convicts sentenced to the State penitentiary shall be used on the public roads, except such as are required in connection with the work at the Penitentiary. This bill does not interfere in any way with the present county convict chain-gang. The allotment of convicts in connection with the county work is by the Geological Board, of which the Governor is chairman. It is the opinion of a large majority of the people of North Carolina that the convict should not be considered a collateral of the State, out of which they shall try to derive as much revenue as possible with which to pay running expenses.

The third bill relates to the State becoming security for county bonds that are issued for the construction of public roads, and simply means the State lends its credit to the county. As is well known, a State bond can be sold at bearing a lower rate of interest than a county bond, this being a difference of one per cent. This one per cent, put out at a compound interest, will, at the end of a period of forty-one years equal the principal of the bond issue. Therefore, if the bill is passed, the State, by accepting the county bonds bearing five per cent interest, holding these as collateral and issuing its own bonds at four per cent, and turning over the money thus raised to the counties for public road construction, would be able, by the difference of one per cent in interest, to create a sinking fund with which to pay off the State bonds when they become due, and then return the county bonds when they become due, and then return the county bonds to the county as redeemed. Thus the county only has to pay an annual five per cent interest, and does not have to raise any other amount for a sinking fund.

I sincerely hope that you will give these bills your earnest editorial support, and that you will

THE DIVORCE BILL.

Biblical Recorder.

Two divorce bills have been presented in the Legislature at Raleigh. One allows divorce after abandonment without just cause for five years (instead of ten years, as the present law provides) and forbids remarriage of the abandoned party during the life of the abandoned. The other permits divorce after only two years' separation and allows remarriage when a year has elapsed after the granting of the divorce.

The first of these bills is much less objectionable than the second, but, in our opinion, neither should supersede the present law, which is far better.

We offer the following reasons against any legislation looking to easier divorce in North Carolina:

1. It would certainly promote among us the divorce evil, which is one of the greatest curses of our American life.

2. There is at present but the slightest demand or occasion for such a law; and it would be calamitous to the State at large for a law to be passed which would increase the demand or multiply the occasions.

3. Our Code already admits five causes for divorce, while the New Testament recognizes but one. To add to the number or to weaken their quality would be only to stray farther from the standard which we all regard as the perfect pattern of our civilization.

4. The passage of the bills presented would lead to still further laxity in our divorce legislation for if we admit short-term separation, for example we soon may be called on to add extravagance, thriftlessness, or even insanity or misfortune as grounds for breaking the marriage tie.

5. While there may be occasional hardships under our North Carolina law as it now stands, there would under these suggested amendments be greater injury to the general public in that the total population would be vitiated and the tone of civic life decidedly lowered.

6. To weaken the present law would be a backward step in our legislation and our social progress for safety at this vital point lies rather in greater strictness than in growing laxity.

7. In short, the proposed legislation making divorce easier is a blow—unintentional, we suppose, but a blow nevertheless—at the sanctity of the marriage relation, the purity of the home and the integrity of the race.

We, therefore, earnestly hope that the Legislature will not by the passage of such laws make divorce easier, the family more unstable, or the home less secure.

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write a strong letter at once to your members of the General Assembly and urge them to support these bills that mean more to the material development of North Carolina than anything that this General Assembly could possibly do.

I am depending on you to attend to this matter at once, as I am spending considerable time and am at considerable expense doing this work in behalf of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, for the sole purpose of trying to do something for the general good of the State.

NO TARIFF UNTIL JULY 1

Washington Dispatch to Christian Science Monitor.

The session now under way is the fag end of a long Congress. The first two sessions, one a special and the other a regular, began in December and ran along until August. The present or third session would run along indefinitely but for the constitutional limitation, that there must be adjournment sine die on March 4th. Extra sessions are always full of enthusiasm, the regular long session and short session, of which present steady grind and quick finishes, and the short session, of which the present is a fair sample, by dwindling enthusiasm, and interest and a tendency to undertake only such matters as are of the most urgent character.

The good natured railway, the atmosphere of campaign reminiscence and general carelessness which pervade the Capitol indicate a real determination to shelve all important questions until the new administration takes hold. Republicans are more care free than they have been for 16 years with nothing to lose and everything to gain from this time on. Having gained everything, the Democrats will strive to hold what they have. Sometimes however it is easier to gain than to hold, as men in both parties well know.

The easy-going way in which Congress reconvenes, after a historic political campaign, will be taken as a pointer by business. If Congress is not tense and straining at the leash, there is no reason why business should be disturbed six months at least will elapse before any new legislation of importance can be put into effect. The present inactive session will last until early March and it will be two to three months after that before the Democrats can finish their work of tariff revision. And in any event, it is not planned that the new tariff law shall become operative earlier than July 1. A rest of at least seven months is thus assured to the country, during which plans for the future can and will be made.

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Great Conference started.

A far-reaching State Conference is being organized. It aims to improve conditions that affect human life in all its phases. All the various workers for reform and betterment expect to get together, as an organized force, and by united effort secure the most needed reforms. Much more should be done in this way than by fighting single handed.

The Conference will hold its first meeting will be held in Raleigh, February 11, 12. The scope of the conference is indicated by the following speakers and heads of committees: Governor Craig will deliver the opening address, followed by Dr. W. L. Potent, president of Wake Forest College, on the "Correlation of Social Forces." Following this will be an address by Senator Robert L. Owen, of Oklahoma. Senator Owen is the author of the famous bill for a National Department of Public Health. He is a fine speaker and a man of big ideas. His speech should ring clear on the "big lines of social work, and form the keynote of the conference.

Several months ago the following representative speakers were named as chairmen of the various committees on different lines of social service:

Bishop Robert Strange, Church and Social Service; Hon. J. Y. Joyner, Illiteracy; Mr. James P. Cook, reformatories; Rev. M. L. Kestler, Orphanages; Hon. T. W. Bickett, Criminal Procedure; Dr. L. B. McBrayer, Feeble-mindedness; Mr. Clarence Poe, Improvement of country life; Mr. W. H. Swift, Child Labor; Miss Daisy Denson, Prisons; Mr. Archibald Johnson, Liquor Problem; Mr. Gilbert Stephenson, Race Question; Dr. W. S. Rankin, Public Health; Hon. R. F. Bousley, taxation; Mr. R. R. Cotton, Women and Social Service.

The Central Committee on Organization, composed of Hon. J. Y. Joyner, Hon. T. W. Bickett, Miss Daisy Denson, Dr. Rankin, and Mr. Clarence Poe, have received hundreds of inquiries and application for membership. It promises to be one of the biggest movements ever started in the state, and every public-spirited citizen should have his name enrolled with the movement. A letter or postal directed to Dr. W. S. Rankin, Raleigh, N. C., secretary of the Central Committee, will bring full information about the aims of the organization and the programme mapped out.—Health Bulletin.

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THE CONTRAST.

Old Sam Swat, was sawing wood, earning seven cents a day, and he filled the neighborhood with his cheerful, hopeful lay. Twenty-seven hungry kids looked to him for things to eat, for their clothing and their beds, and the cases for their feet. And this work was mighty hard, but he didn't care a darn, sawing in the rich man's yard, just forinst the red brick barn. "I have health and strength" he said, "and I'll make the bucksaw hum; there's a Providence o'erhead—better things will surely come. For their homes and for their kids, men may always do their best, chirping like the katydids, till the hour has come to rest." In the rich man's house they sat, while his tears dripped to the floor, a poor, jaded plutocrat who has made this life a bore. Long it was since he had sung; long since he had sprung a smile; and he said with languid tongue: "Nothing really worth the while! I would give a million bones if I knew just how to sing in that fellow's joyous tone, as he saws the wood, by jing!" And if you have health and strength, do not for vast riches sigh: there are things that Croesus' wealth cannot for a moment buy.—Walt Mason in News and Observer.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires a constitutional treatment. Halls Catarrh Cure, manufactured by J. E. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from ten drops to a tablespoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surface of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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