

DURHAM RECORDER.

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Good Country Roads and Convicts.

The need of improvement in the quality of good roads is so severely felt in every section that every intelligent effort in that direction ought to be made. The Recorder has urged this matter for several years, and will continue to do so.

The chief obstacle in the way of obtaining a good system of country roads has, of course, been the unwillingness to incur the necessary expense. If the people could have been convinced years ago that bad roads were more costly than good ones, a large part of the task of securing an improvement in their quality would have been accomplished.

The public highways should be worked by convict labor; this is precisely what the people want in general, and when the people become thoroughly convinced on this matter good roads will multiply with unexampled rapidity.

Our legislators must stand by the people on this matter—they will demand it; better methods of construction and repair are absolutely necessary; the work is a vast one, but it is indispensable, and it can not be prosecuted too diligently. That able and conservative journal, the Asheville Citizen, has the following to say on the subject, which we heartily endorse. It says: "The action of the last legislature of North Carolina in enacting a law whereby certain classes of violators of the law may be put to work upon the public highways of the counties in which their offenses were committed, is one step in the right direction."

"There is no way in which the convicts of North Carolina could be utilized with greater benefit to all the people than by putting every man of them to work upon the public roads. In this way they will in no sense come into competition with honest labor, a complaint often heard of late years, and with much reason and justice because it cannot be done without degrading the largest and most deserving portion of our citizenship."

"There is not an honest laborer in North Carolina but detests the working of roads, and it is more than the truth to say that nine out of ten who do work the roads do so under protest, and therefore never do and never will do full and fair work."

"And this question of public roads is really the most vital with which the American agriculturalist has to deal today. It has been demonstrated by those making a study of the question, that the farmers of the United States lose more money every year by reason of bad roads, than they pay out in the way of taxes for all purposes."

"With the convict force of the state kept constantly at work year by year upon the public highways, upon a fixed plan and in a systematic way, North Carolina farmers in a few years would realize that they were gaining infinitely more than the cost, that of their maintenance."

"The Citizen proposes to agitate this question, and endeavor to make it a distinct issue in the election of the next members of our state legislature, and see if it is not possible to inaugurate a system whereby North Carolina may eventually hope to have public roads that will be the pride of the state and the greatest blessing that ever came to the farmer."

"And it is hoped that the press will lend their aid. To the press will be attributed this blessing if it ever comes, and to the press we look for the agitation of this question, which may mean more, and will mean more, in the long run, if properly undertaken and systematically prosecuted, than any measure which has engaged the attention of our legislators during the past quarter of a century."

THERE is a grand display of civil service now going on in Pennsylvania. The devotion of the Republican party and the Administration to it is exemplified in a most beautiful manner. It is very well understood that Senator Quay opposes the Administration and the result is, that the Superintendent of the Mint, the Collectors of the port and internal revenue officers and all the other officials have been instructed to go out in the high-ways and by-ways of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh and capture the primaries so that Harrison delegates may be sent to the State Convention. This is civil service with a vengeance.

THE Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun has obtained the views of a number of Senators relative to the idea which is advanced in some quarters—particularly in the West—of amending the Constitution so as to elect Senators by the direct vote of the people, and finds that many of them are willing to the change, provided the same is demanded by the masses. Except in detached localities, however, there has been no movement in the direction indicated. The advanced political thought of the country is more strongly developed at the West than in any other section at this time, and if there is any real agitation on the subject that section will take the lead.

THE Republicans of New York had a great time declaring that they would not submit to what they called the stealing of the State Senate by Governor Hill. But when the time came for them to be sworn in they quietly accepted the situation and went to work as they should have done in the discharge of the duties which they were selected to perform. Of course the Democrats will redistrict New York and, if the Census of 1890 is taken as a basis, the majority in the New York General Assembly next year, upon the basis of the last vote, will be not less than forty. That would mean the retirement of the Hon. Frank Hiseock from the United States Senate and the replacing of him by a Democrat. Senator Hill will then have achieved the greatest political triumph had by any political manager of late. He has turned New York State solidly Democratic and will have it represented in the United States Senate by two Democrats and that for the first time in over thirty years.

SECRETARY BLAINE has had another attack of illness. There were four doctors in ten minutes after he was taken sick and they all reported that it was merely a case of acute indigestion. It is a little curious that four distinguished doctors should be called in because the distinguished Secretary happened to have a pain in the stomach. There is a belief about Washington that there was a great deal more to it than indigestion.

IN the House there has been action upon but one subject and that was to defeat the proposal which passed the Senate authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to expend \$100,000 or less to transport the food donated to the people of Russia. The Senate passed this but the House would not as it did not know where the Constitution authorized the expenditure of such money.

MR. ROBERT P. PORTER failed to get the immediate passage of his million dollar deficiency bill and, if the House will simply investigate the methods in which Mr. Porter has expended over six million dollars already, they will let the Census remain unfinished before they will trust him with the expenditure of any more money.

BOTH Pender and Caswell counties have fallen in the wake of Mecklenburg and Vance and refused to grant liquor license.

THE McKinley tariff does not appear to have benefited a number of Connecticut workmen in protected industries in that State, as their wages in several manufacturing establishments have recently been reduced—the reduction in some cases amounting to twenty per cent.

IN the House proceedings, and among the bills introduced Monday, was the following: "By Mr. Bunn of North Carolina—For a public building at Durham, N. C."

WE hope the committee to which it was referred will not pass it over lightly. This matter deserves serious and favorable consideration. Durham is paying the government revenue, from the sale of revenue stamps alone, the amount of \$616,129.85 a year. The stamps are handled with great inconvenience and the government should certainly provide a suitable building for this business and the largely increasing post office business here.

THE northern part of Ireland is wrapped in an impassable snow storm. Clergymen were unable to reach their churches Sunday. At Tyrone a funeral procession became lost in the storm, and after many fruitless attempts on the part of those taking part in it to find out their way, the horses became exhausted, and it was found necessary to abandon the hearse in a snow drift.

SECRETARY BLAINE spent several hours in conference with the President yesterday, in regard to the Chilean affair. The press dispatches say it is understood that the President is making a careful and thorough study of the entire correspondence with a view to the preparation of a message to Congress on that subject.

THE 105th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina meets in Raleigh this evening. The usual transportation rates have been secured over the railroads.

THEY had a Republican love feast in Ohio after John Sherman was elected to the Senate. Foraker said the next time he would hunt for a man that wasn't so hard to defeat.

ADVISING the Girls how to Propose.

AN exchange gives a column of rules telling young men how to propose. The advice comes too late. The writer forgot this was leap year. Now The Observer Man, while he has had no experience in this secure-prize-if-you-can business, ventures a few pointers for the girls to peruse: Stand near his chair, near enough to waste your arm—(what are we saying? Parson Triphett's apple teddy must have been a trifle too strong for our good temper cranium; we don't want any pretty Orange girl to waste her arm—or her breath either—on some of our incorrigible bachelors) but, as we before remarked, get near enough to him to arm his waist if you think his reply will be favorable, and then with the most pleasing, pleasant, pliant, persuasive look, turn your heavenly orb fully, fairly and freely into his face, and then loosen the dynamo of your tongue and fire the following without breaking the circuit:—"Charlie, let's consolidate!" And our opinion is that he will succumb without a shot, and the word "yes" will fly from the catapult of his Roman cranium and completely fill the circumambient air. Then comes your time to seal the compact. Close in on him like the conquering army of a coming Caesar, clasp him in a grizzly bear embrace and squeeze until "galuses" cease to "gallus," and corset stays ask not to stay, and care not for kodaks or kameras, the world's fair, leap year balls, ben harrison, the price of marriage licenses, the tariff or any other man, for it isn't every year you can propose and jump too.—Newt Robinson in Orange (Va.) Observer.

IT has been mutually agreed that the Mecklenburg whiskey license cases, which were to have come up yesterday, be postponed until the regular meeting of the Board in February.

CHILDREN Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

IN CONGRESS YESTERDAY.

MR. BUNN INTRODUCES A BILL FOR A PUBLIC BUILDING IN DURHAM.

Mr. Teller's Bi-Metallic Proposition—Wants the Agricultural Department Investigated.

Mr. Teller introduced a joint resolution providing for an International Bi-metallic agreement. The resolution declares it to be the determined policy of the United States government to use both gold and silver as full legal tender money, either under the existing ratio in the United States, or under one that may be hereafter established by the United States alone, or in accord with other nations. It directs the President to invite government's of countries comprising the Latin Union (so-called), and of such other nations as he may deem advisable, to join the United States in a conference, and to adopt a common ratio between gold and silver for the purpose of establishing internationally the use of bi-metallic money and of securing fixity of relative values between those metals. A conference is to be held at such place as may be mutually agreed upon by the executives of the various governments. Whenever these governments, or any three of them, shall have agreed to unite upon and whenever in the judgment of the President a sufficient number of nations shall have entered into such international agreement, the President is to declare a ratio in the United States and all coinage thereafter is to be at such ratio until changed by law. The President is to appoint (subject to the approval of the Senate) not less than three nor more than five commissioners, who shall report to him (whose report shall be transmitted to Congress), and who shall receive \$5,000 a year and reasonable expenses. The resolution was referred to the finance committee.

HOUSE.

A resolution offered by Mr. Breckenridge, of Kentucky, repealing the third section of the McKinley bill and enacting in lieu thereof a section authorizing the President to issue a proclamation admitting merchandise free of duty from any nation of the American hemisphere in which no import duty is imposed on feed, corn meal and other bread products, preserved meats, oil, lumber, agricultural implements and machinery, steel rails, &c., was objected to by Mr. Burrows, of Michigan. Mr. Breckenridge asked that it be referred to the committee on ways and means.

Simpson, Kansas, asked unanimous consent for an immediate consideration of resolution reciting allegations that the Department of Agriculture is made a harbor of political employees, and that the crop reports are made to the Boards of Trade and market wreckers and operators before they are conveyed to the knowledge of the toiling husbandmen, and providing for a special committee of five members to inquire into the workings of the Department, and in to the truth of these allegations.

The call of the States was then resumed, and under the call the following are some of the bills introduced and referred:

By Mr. Oates, of Alabama, for a uniform system of bankruptcy.

By Mr. Hoar, Massachusetts—Directing the committee on manufactures to investigate the effect of the present revenue laws on the manufacturing interests of the country.

By Hatch of Missouri—Denying "options" and "futures," and imposing tax on dealers therein.

By Bland of Missouri—For free coinage of silver. (Several free silver coinage bills were introduced by other members.)

By Bunn of North Carolina—For public building at Durham, N. C.

By Pierce of Tennessee—Resolutions of the national executive committee of the Farmers' Alliance in relation to Alabama platform order ed printed in record.

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