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### EDITORIAL COMMENT.

#### IMPORTANCE OF GOOD ROADS.

In an address before automobilists assembled in the New Willard Hotel in Washington recently to meet scouts Peltz and Cohen, of The New York Herald and The Atlanta Constitution, President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway, strikingly illustrated the value of good roads. He said in part:

"This run will lead to an increased interest in the use of automobiles throughout the South, and every owner of an automobile is an active advocate of good roads. He is interested in good roads as adding to the pleasure of motoring. But this, in my opinion, is secondary to the economic importance of good roads to the farmer. If the farmer is to be prosperous, all the products of his farm not needed for home consumption must be carried to market. Whatever their final destination may be, they must move primarily over the country highway to the shipping point or to a nearby consuming centre. The condition of this highway controls the size of the load that can be carried on it and affects materially the profits of the farmer and value of his farm. This was strikingly illustrated by an account which I read recently of a farmer in North Carolina who was hauling wood to a neighboring town. A splendidly improved macadam road ran for several miles out of this town, while the rest of the way was an ordinary dirt road. The farmer would haul the largest load possible over the dirt road until he came to the macadam road. There he would throw the wood off by the side of the road and go back for another load. Returning with the second load he would pile the first one on top of it and drive on to town, hauling just twice as much on the macadam road as he could haul, with the same wagon and the same team, on the dirt road.

"Although the primary interest of the farmer in good roads is commercial, they have a highly important social aspect for him as well as for the owner of the automobile. They broaden his range of vision and bring him into closer touch with the world at large. They facilitate the rural free delivery, bringing him his letters promptly and placing on his table the weekly newspaper from the nearby town and the daily from the nearest city. Good roads mean that the farmer's children can be more regular in school attendance and can receive to a greater degree the advantages of education. They mean that he and the members of his family can enjoy to a greater degree the society of their neighbors and friends. They mean the bringing closer together of the town and country, with advantages on both sides. They mean the bringing together of widely separated sections of the country into closer social and commercial relations, as is illustrated by the proposed run of touring cars between New York and Atlanta next fall, which, I think, we may safely predict will be followed by many tours of the same kind in both directions.

"When Mr. Peltz returns to New York he will have to report that he found some very bad roads in the South, but he will also be able to report that he found some very excellent roads fully up to the standard of anything to which he is accustomed at home. Further than this, he has found an awakened and constantly increasing appreciation of the importance of good roads and a determination on the part of many Southern communities to improve their highways as rapidly as the resources at their command will permit."

An intelligent farmer remarked in this office the other day that he was inclined to believe that all this agitation for good roads was merely in the interest of automobilists, anyway. He is mistaken about that, of course, for while it will inevitably add to the pleasure and convenience of automobilists to have good roads all over the country, many people are agitating the question of good roads whose sole object is to obtain the tremendous advantage of good roads for the farmer. But no matter who may be interested in the question, the farmer will be more greatly blessed by splendid highways than any other class of people. President Finley's illustration of the farmer hauling

wood is a good one, and he tells of other ways in which good roads are a blessing to those who live in the country. Poor roads are too expensive for any people to afford and we hope the day is not far distant when this fact will be universally recognized.

**NIGHT-RIDER MURDERERS ESCAPE.**  
"Look you now, what follows", from a dispatch of the 3d from Jackson, Tenn.:  
"The cases of the eight night riders, 6 of whom were under the death sentence charged with the murder of Captain Quentin Rankin, at Walnut Log, on Reel Foot lake, October 19 last, were reversed by the State Supreme Court today and were remanded for new trials.  
"The six men, who were under the death sentence are Garret Johnson, alleged leader of the night riders' organization in Obion county; Arthur Cloar, Fred Pinion, Sam Applewhite, Tid Burton and Roy Ransom. The other two, Bud Morris and Bob Huffman, were convicted of murder in the second degree.

"The opinion in the case was delivered by Special Justice Henry A. Craft, of Memphis, appointed in the stead of Justice M. M. Neil.  
"In reversing the case, he assigned two principal reasons. The first was that the grand jury which found the indictments against the alleged night riders, was not selected in a proper manner. The grand jury was selected out of a panel named by Judge J. E. Jones, the trial judge, whereas the law provides the panel must be chosen by at least three members of the county court. The second error on which the reversal was based is that the State did not allow the defendants a sufficient number of challenges. The 8 were tried on one indictment and trial court upheld the State's contention that the eight defendants were only entitled to the legal number of challenges, twenty-four, which would apply if one man was on trial.

"When Justice Craft concluded his opinion a storm of applause broke out in the court room, but was quickly stopped by the marshal and his deputies. The prisoners will be taken back to Union City and an effort will be made to secure their release on bail pending a second trial on their cases.  
"So. When these men were convicted and sentenced the entire country applauded and the hope was indulged that six of them would get the hanging they so richly deserve; but lo, a quirk and a turn, and they escape. It looks like the safest crime a man may commit is murder, if his skin is white and he has any means. Nobody doubts that these men are guilty—"guilty as hell," to quote Beauty Steele's language of deep disgust—but because this bunch of murderers was not allowed eight times as many challenges as a single defendant, and on account of a mere technicality in the manner of selecting the grand jury, the conviction and sentence is just thin air. It is enough to make one wish the bunch of them had been hanged out of hand, as they hanged Capt. Rankin. If their complexions are not "perfect gallops" their acts certainly were, but the conclusion of the whole matter will be that they will escape any adequate punishment. There is certainly something rotten when men escape just punishment so easily.

A Wisconsin couple the other day announced that they would send out no invitations to their wedding and would expect no presents, but that an admission fee would be charged at the church door for all who cared to witness the ceremony. It probably was not necessary to put out any S. R. O. sign at the church, but the couple had the comforting assurance that all who coughed to see the ceremony parted with their money willingly, and the couple that had the nerve to set that precedent doubtless will get more satisfaction and service out of what they will be able to buy with the money raised in that way than would have been gotten from the assortment that would have been unloaded on them had they held up their friends in the usual way.

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Somebody actually palmed a gold brick off on a New York jeweler. He should acknowledge that he is in the wrong business and forthwith come to North Carolina and buy a farm.—Wilmington Star.  
If he should he would learn some things. Doesn't The Star know that the greenest people in the world are in New York? A "Con." man finds more "come-ons" in New York than could be found on North Carolina farms.

Lumberton has been moved about four hours nearer Fayetteville by the completion of the Virginia & Carolina Southern Railroad to Hope Mills. Lumberton is the best town between Monroe and Wilmington. Let's shake hands, Queen of the Lumbee.—Fayetteville Index.

#### HOWELLSVILLE HAPPENINGS.

##### A Pleasant Picnic at Bryant's Mill—Protracted Meeting Begins Saturday—Personals.

Quite a crowd of young people and a few older ones from this section attended the picnic at Bryant's mill in Bladen county, Saturday. There were also many from other sections of this and Bladen counties which made the number not less than 300. While the day was exceedingly warm, the occasion was made pleasant by the cool drinks and the nice dinner the good people had prepared, after partaking of which the people were entertained with speeches made by Messrs. W. H. Kinlaw and V. H. Taylor, of Lumberton. Mr. Kinlaw's speech was very instructive, as he covered much of the history of this country. Then he introduced Mr. Taylor, who spoke on the importance of good homes and home industry.

Mr. Elmer Kinlaw and sister, Miss Nellie, spent Sunday with friends at St. Pauls.  
Mr. Oscar Blackwell and sister, Miss Annie, spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives near Tar Heel.

The protracted meeting at Zion's Tabernacle will begin next Saturday.

Mr. V. H. Taylor was at his old home a few days last week with his father, who is quite sick.

Mr. Graham Powers, of St. Pauls, was in this vicinity Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Jinkins filled his regular appointment at Regan Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Archie Cottingham, of Maxton, is spending some time on the timber works of the L. T. Cottingham Lumber Co.

Mr. Archie Regan, who holds a position with the Western Union Telegraph Co., is with relatives in this neighborhood for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Smith visited friends and relatives in Cumberland county Saturday and Sunday.

Sidney, Howellsville, N. C., July 5, 1909.

#### Early in New York—His Disease Said Not to be Leprosy.

John R. Early, the North Carolinian whose detention as a leper in an isolated camp at Washington stirred up such a controversy among medical men, was locked up in a baggage car in Washington Saturday night and arrived in New York Sunday morning and is now a patient at the New York Skin and Cancer Hospital, where his case will be thoroughly investigated. Early was allowed the freedom of the hospital and the superintendent of the institution said there was absolutely nothing the matter with him.

There has been a wide variance of opinion as to the former soldier's ailment. Many physicians do not believe that he has leprosy. Dr. L. D. Bulkley, head of the New York Skin and Cancer Hospital and an eminent skin disease specialist, hopes to make a scientific study of the disease and give what relief he can. It is said that he will be turned loose in about 2 weeks.

Concerned about the possibility that negroes may be sent into the homes of white residents of the South as enumerators to gather information for the thirteenth decennial Federal census, Democratic members of Congress will urge President Taft to give instructions that only white enumerators shall be employed in districts south of Mason and Dixon's line. Representatives of the Southern States in Congress said that they have little hope of preventing the employment of negroes unless the President interferences.

**Tortured on a Horse.**  
"For ten years I couldn't ride a horse without being in torture from piles," writes L. S. Napier, of Rugless, Ky., "when all doctors and other remedies failed, my doctor advised me to use 'Infallible for Piles, Burns, Scalds, Cuts, Boils, Fever-sores, Eczema, Salt Rheum, Corns.' 25c. guaranteed by all druggists."

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##### Children's Day a Great Success—A Homicide Over a Piece of Corn Bread—No Doctor in Twelve Years—Best Melon Section Ever—Personal and Other Items.

The Children's Day Sunday afternoon was a great success in every way. "Happy Jack," the Mt. Eliam correspondent of The Robesonian, and "Cracker Jack," the Mt. Eliam correspondent of The Fairmont Messenger, were the ushers and found seats for most of the vast number present, but some were turned away. Several said it was one of the best if not the best they ever attended. It went like clock-work from start to finish, without a single breakdown, and the children are to be congratulated on the way they acted their parts; and Mr. Phillips also, for the excellent music which he arranged.

Mr. Roy Parker, of Boardman, was visiting friends here Sunday.

Mr. Jetter Branch and sister, Beulah, visited at Mr. I. V. Britt's Sunday afternoon.

Orrum, Proctorville, Long Branch, Kingsdale, Lumberton, Boardman, Oakton, Bloomingdale and many other places were well represented here Sunday.

Lots of people come to me and say, have The Robesonian sent to my address; but it's seldom one comes and says here is a dollar and a half, have it sent to my address. All who want it sent, I will be glad to send in their names providing they send the \$1.50; but don't care to send the names without the money.

Rev. M. A. Stephens preached two fine sermons Saturday and Sunday to large audiences.

We have had plenty of rain here and a little north of here they have had excessive rains; but just a little south of here the crops are almost ruined for lack of rain, I hear.

Messrs. John Stone and Enoch Britt went to Kingsdale yesterday on business.

Mr. J. K. Britt and family, of Fairmont, R. F. D. No. 1, spent Sunday here.

Mrs. Penelope Britt, of Cerro Gordo, spent Saturday at Mr. I. V. Britt's.

One day recently a negro at Boardman shot another and killed him about a piece of corn bread.

Mr. Grover Britt has accepted a position with The Press, Philadelphia, Penn.

Curing tobacco is the order of day and night.

Mr. B. B. Britt, of Cerro Gordo, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. English Nye, of Orrum, spent Saturday at Mr. I. V. Britt's.

Mr. Orion Martin is on the sick list.

Letha May, daughter of Mr. J. M. Sellers, is very sick. Mr. Sellers has been married 12 years and last Sunday a doctor made the first call ever made at his home by a doctor in that time.

Thumping melons is a daily business here now. This is the best melon land here on the "Mountain" in America. They grow wild in the road and on cleared land that is not worked; and I have seen them in the woods.

Mr. S. E. Martin, of Cheraw, S. C., is spending the holidays at his home.

Mr. C. A. Britt went to Lumberton today.

Messrs. Leonard and Grover Britt spent Saturday and Sunday at Lumberton.

Mr. Rossie Britt went to Boardman Thursday on business.

Mr. Arch. Phillips, of Lumberton, is visiting friends here.

Happy Jack, Mt. Eliam, N. C., July 3, '09.

The body of David C. Hutchins, 48 year old, of Yadkin county, an inmate of the State Hospital for the Insane at Morganton, was found Monday morning hanging from the end of a rope in a secluded spot in the woods near Drexel. He had been an inmate of the Hospital for about 2 years. He escaped from the Hospital June 25th and nothing was known of his whereabouts until his dead body was found. The verdict of the coroner's jury was suicide.

L. D. O'Kelly, a policeman of Durham, got up feeling unwell Sunday morning, thought a drink of whiskey would do him good, went searching in the pantry for the stimulant, got hold of the wrong bottle and swallowed carbolic acid and died in great agony in 40 minutes.

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