

GOOD ROADS CONVENTION

Annual Convention of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, to Be Held at Winston-Salem, June 13 and 14.

The annual convention of the North Carolina Good Roads Association will be held at Winston-Salem, June 13 and 14. The past fiscal year of 1910-11 has perhaps been one of the most important in its life. The Association has been very active in trying to mold public opinion in favor of progressive road legislation, and, while no laws of state-wide importance were enacted, a great many local bills for counties and townships were passed, which will undoubtedly enable the counties which take advantage of increased revenue from a special tax or bond issue to greatly increase their mileage of good roads. One of the principal undertakings of the North Carolina Good Roads Association during the past year has been the organization in the various counties of county associations. An arrangement was made by which the members of the county associations could become members of the State Association and also receive a year's subscription to Southern Good Roads. As a result of this work thirty-five county associations have been formed in the following counties: Anson, Canby, Burke, Carteret, Catawba, Chatham, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Duplin, Forsyth, Granville, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Johnson, Lee, Lenoir, Macon, Madison, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Orange, Pender, Person, Perquimans, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson, Rockingham, Union, Wake, Wayne, and York. Through these associations the doctrine of good roads has been spread far and wide throughout the state.

In addition to the above a good roads association has been formed in Conrad Hill Township, Davidson County, known as the Holly Grove Good Roads and Agricultural Association; also the Charlotte-Wilmington Highway Association, etc. A large attendance from all these associations is expected and it is hoped that this meeting of the State Association will prove a well-spring of enthusiasm to the local organizations so that the various delegates and members will each go back to his particular locality with renewed determination and purposeful vigor to carry forward the effort to educate all of our people not only to a realization of the necessity for good roads, but to the crystallization of public opinion to the point of being willing to pay for them. A program is being prepared which will undoubtedly be full of interest to those attending, variation from the regular program being a question box, and reports for about forty county Good Roads Associations.

The past year's work of the North Carolina Good Roads Association has been very successful in the number of associations formed in the various counties with the consequent broadening of the activities and influence of the State Association through these county organizations; and in the large amount of literature distributed by the State Association in co-operation with the Geological Survey. A circular relating to road drags has brought to the attention of a great many people the real value of this implement and educated them to the use of it. Circulars relating to certain suggested legislation for the creation of a State Highway Department, engineering assistance, use of convicts in public road construction, and state security for county road bonds were printed and widely distributed. The singular indifference, however, shown by the General Assembly of 1911 to all matters of state wide importance is a matter of much regret, particularly with regard to road legislation, as more progressive legislation along this line has been markedly indicated by the press as expressing the opinion of the people of the state and by the large number of requests that are constantly being received by the State Geologist for engineer-

Storms Wreaked havoc in State.

Reports of the storm, wind and rain storms which passed over various parts of the State last Friday evening tell of great damage. Salisbury was the farthest point west that was struck.

A tobacco prery at Apex was blown down, causing a loss of about \$12,500, while a planing mill was badly damaged. At Fauquier Springs the Baptist Church was blown down and a tobacco warehouse unroofed. Roxboro was badly damaged, a hard ware company building being unroofed, many other buildings were badly damaged and trees blown down.

Guilford and Randolph did not suffer very much on account of the storm. The main damage at Greensboro was the derangement of the light and telephone system. In Asheboro and other parts of Randolph the wind blew severely but no damage was done.

Raleigh and Durham seemed to be the centre of the storm. At Raleigh the wires in St. Agnes hospital were struck by lightning, the damage being about \$250.00. Here as at the other storm visited towns the light, telephone and street car systems were badly damaged. Durham's loss was very much greater than Raleigh's. The Venable Tobacco Company prery, packed with 40,000 pounds of tobacco, was destroyed and the Chatham hosiery Mill was buried down the loss to the entire city is estimated at nearly \$100,000.

Farmers' Institutes for Randolph

The Executive Committee of the Farmers' Institutes was called together at the court house on Monday of this week and Mr. I. H. Foust, of Columbia township, was elected Chairman of the Committee, and Mr. S. T. Lassiter, Secretary.

The object of the meeting was to arrange to have farmers' institutes in as many townships as possible during July and August. Much enthusiasm was shown on the part of the committee present. Following is the institute committee:

E. J. Coltrane, I. H. Foust, John Beeson, D. H. Fugh, Cecil Macon, W. B. Lassiter, Will Adams, Jas. M. Hinshaw, J. W. Burket, Percy Jones, M. W. Garner, J. T. Thornburg, J. R. Royals, Wm. Wood, L. C. Phillips, L. G. Suggs, A. Barker, J. P. Phillips, A. Callicutt, B. F. Newby.

Meeting of Board of Education

The County Board of Education will meet in call session at the court house on the first Monday in June.

ing assistance and advice with regard to the location, construction and maintenance of roads.

The North Carolina Good Roads Association has done everything in its power to show the people the necessity for good roads and the remedy for bad roads. It is now the task of this association to continue this work among the weaker counties in the hopes of gradually bringing them to the point of not only desiring good roads, but of being willing to pay for them. In this work the stronger counties, stronger because of their progress in well constructed roads, not only serve as examples of what can be done, but in many instances these counties have shown a disposition to lend a helping hand to pull their weaker neighbors out of the mud.

The headquarters of the Association will be at the Hotel Zinzendorf where special rates have been arranged for members, delegates and their friends. Delegates to the meetings of the North Carolina Good Roads Association include all members of the State Association, County Associations, county road commissioners of all the counties of the state, mayors of municipalities, and delegates at large appointed by chairman of boards of county commissioners, mayors of towns and cities, and presidents of local clubs and business associations. A most cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested in the promotion of good roads to attend the meetings of the Association.

For further information address the Secretary of the Association at Chapel Hill, N. C.

Membership in a county Association or the State Association qualifies anyone as a delegate to this Convention.

TOBACCO TRUST DECISION.

Supreme Court Decides in Favor of Government in Tobacco Trust Case.

The Government won a great victory Monday over the so-called "tobacco trust" when the Supreme Court of the United States held the American Tobacco Company and its allied corporations to be operating in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

It was directed that the combination be forbidden the privilege of inter-state commerce or be placed in the hands of a receiver unless it disintegrates in harmony with the law within six or at the most eight months.

The decision affects 65 American corporations, 2 English corporations and 29 individual defendants.

SHORT ITEMS OF NEWS.

J. T. Kaykendall, of Martinsburg, Va., aged 45, a widely known travelling salesman for Nelson Hardware Co., of Roanoke, Va., committed suicide in Winston-Salem Saturday. No reason is known for the act. He leaves a wife and two children.

Mrs. Cordelia Evans died of Pelagra at the insane asylum in Raleigh May 25th, aged 34 years. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. A. J. Woodell of this place. She was twice married; first to Mr. Elup Adams who was killed a few years ago in a wreck. To this union were born four daughters. Later she married Mr. L. M. Evans of High Point, who with a little son survive her.

The Southern Book Exchange in its twenty-fifth year of success in Raleigh, having one hundred thousand volumes in stock has moved into temporary quarters for the summer preparatory to erecting a solid cement building on one of the sites selected for the new Y. M. C. A. building during the summer and expects to be in same by the fall. The Manager, Mr. M. M. Smith, unsurpassed as an old and rare book dealer, will visit Europe during the summer in search of Americana and hope to hear from him while away at least through the public press. See his advertisement in this issue.

Ross-Crowson

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott Crowson invite you to be present at the Methodist Protestant Church, Asheboro, N. C. on the morning of Thursday June the 15th at half after ten o'clock to witness the marriage of their daughter Lucy Clyde to Mr. Levan Ferree Ross.

Poisoned Young Bride.

Reuben Combs, an 18 year old farmer of Stony Point, Irdele County, after being arrested last Tuesday, confessed of the killing of his young bride of three months on last Friday, and is now in jail at Statesville. He gave as his reason that he was tired of her. She was only 16 years old.

WRECK NEAR ELLENBORO

Train Crashes Through Trestle—5 Killed

A coal train on the Seaboard Air Line Railroad crashed through the Watkins creek trestle near Ellenboro last Sunday. Two engineers and one fireman were instantly killed and two others fatally injured. The train was moving slowly eastward and had nearly passed the trestle when it gave way, both engines falling a depth of 40 feet and 17 steel coal cars piling on the engines.

Lassiter-Marshall.

On Thursday, June 1st, Miss Frances Marshall, of Mt. Airy, and Mr. S. T. Lassiter of this place were married in Greensboro. The marriage was quite a surprise to every one and was very quiet.

Miss Marshall has been teaching in the High School at Farmer for the past term and was admired by all who knew her. Mr. Lassiter is the county Supt. of Public Instruction and is highly esteemed throughout the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Lassiter will be at home in Asheboro after June the 5th.

State Normal Commencement 19th Commencement of the Normal College.

The 19th Annual Commencement began at 6 o'clock p. m. Sunday, May, 30th, with the Reunion of the "Red and White" classes of 1895, 1899 and 1907. The graduating class gave them a simple entertainment. After a short musical at program the class of 1911 gave them a dance. Light refreshments were served.

At 8 o'clock the Adelpian and Cornelian literary societies held their annual meetings. Each society rendered a play which was the principal feature of the program.

On Sunday, May 21st, the Annual Sermon to the graduating class was preached by Rev. G. H. Lewis, D. D. of Westminster, Md. Dr. Lewis sermon was an excellent one inspiring the whole congregation to lead a higher and better life. Beautiful music was rendered by the College Chorus.

At 8:30 p. m. Dr. Edwin Mims of the University of N. C., delivered the address to the Young Women's Christian Association. This was held in Peabody Park, which is a beautiful spot almost a quarter of a mile from the campus.

At 10:00 a. m. Monday, Mrs. J. A. Brown delivered an address to the Alumnae Association. This was enjoyed greatly by all present. At 10:30 the annual business meeting of the Alumnae Association was held.

At 1:00 p. m. a delicious luncheon was given to the Alumnae. While each event of the morning had been highly appreciated by all the Alumnae the luncheon was the "crowning glory of the morning."

At 5:00 p. m. the prettiest feature of the commencement was held, the Class Day Exercises. These exercises were also held in Peabody Park. The Seniors entered the temporary stage from behind the trees and thick bushes from the rear of the stage. Each member of the class wore a white flaxon dress and carried red carnations, their color being red and white. While they remained standing the Junior Class entered, bearing the ivy chain. They assisted the class of 1911 sang their class song, then retired after laying the ivy chain at their feet. The usual Class Day program was carried out in a most interesting and unique manner.

At 8:30 p. m. the representatives essays of the graduation class were read. Six of the most talented young ladies were chosen to represent their class as the program would have been much too long for the entire class of 28 to read their essays.

Tuesday at 10:30 a. m. was the annual address. The address was delivered by Gov. W. W. Kitchin. Gov. Kitchin made a fine address as he usually does.

A copy of the Constitution was presented to each member of the class in a most pleasing manner by Attorney Gen. T. W. Bickett. Mr. Bickett won the heart of all present with his few but well chosen words. A beautiful copy of the Bible was presented to each member of the class in a most fitting manner by Rev. J. Melton Clark, of Greensboro. Last, but not least the diplomas were awarded to the 28 members of the graduating class.

Conference Meeting at St. Mary's

A conference meeting will be held at St. Mary's School, Raleigh, June 5 to 10. Among the speakers will be Rev. Dr. Frank J. Mallett, of Salisbury, Rev. Llewellyn N. Caley, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Eugene M. Camp, of New York.

The Rev. Dr. Mallett, lately coming to North Carolina, has been some years in Pennsylvania. He is at the head of a band of mission preachers, eloquent and spiritual. The Rev. Mr. Caley of Philadelphia is one of the leaders in Sunday School work in the Episcopal church a splendid teacher and leader. Mr. Camp is president of the Seabury Society of New York. He will give the address on missions and speak once, it is expected on Christian social service.

Ball Game at Why not

A ball game was played at Why Not last Thursday between Why Not and Shiloh, the score being 3 and 4 in favor of Shiloh. This is said to be the best game either team ever played and the best that has ever been played on the Why Not ground.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Statehood Bill Passed by House—Tariff on Wool to be Reduced Half—Reciprocity Threatened in Senate.

By Clyde H. Tavenner, Special Washington Correspondent of The Courier.

Washington, May 29.—After having worked eighteen years for the admission of Arizona and New Mexico as separate states of the union the Democratic majority of the House found it a genuine labor of love to pass the statehood resolution.

In voting for the admission of the territories as states, the House neither endorsed nor condemned the recall of judges. What the House actually did was to endorse local self government and the right of the state to control its own affairs.

For 60 years New Mexico has been at the doors of Congress for admission. Arizona has also long contended its right to statehood. The 1908 Democratic platform pledged the "immediate admission of these territories as separate states." This pledge was carried out before the Democrats had been in control of the House three months, which action was in striking contrast to the joggery the statehood measures have been receiving year after year at the hands of the now minority of the House.

The debate in the House on the statehood resolution indicated plainly what would have been the result had the Republicans still been in the majority. They would have admitted New Mexico with the gerrymander of her legislature, and would have made the recall of judges a pretext for keeping Arizona indefinitely out of the union. This is plainly seen by the speeches and votes of the Republicans in favor of immediate admission of New Mexico and against the admission of Arizona.

The real motive for this was in the promise that New Mexico would elect two senators to reinforce the declining Republican majority in the Senate, and in the certainty that Arizona will elect two Democrats.

Big Revision Downward.

Indications are that the Democratic House will reduce the tariff on raw wool by one-half. This would be carrying out the promise contained in the national Democratic platform of 1908 which was that "gradual reductions should be made in such other schedules as may be necessary to restore the tariff to a revenue basis."

The consideration of the revenue needs of the government was what caused the bulk of the democratic majority to decide upon cutting the raw wool duty in two. The tax on raw wool last year brought \$21,000,000 into the treasury and the government cannot afford to give up that sum while there is no income tax.

The Democrats will purge Schedule K, of every one of the iniquitous jokers and no duties on manufactures of wool will be above 50 per cent ad valorem. This means a sweeping reduction of the tax on woolen clothing, blankets and all articles composed in whole or in any part of wool.

The duty collected on manufactured wool last year amounted to \$20,000,000. The average rate under the Payne-Aldrich law amounts to the equivalent of 90 per cent ad valorem, and in the proposed Democratic bill this rate will be decreased one-half. This reduction of duty should have the effect of both increasing the revenues and reducing the cost of woolsens to the consumers.

Reciprocity Threatened.

That the reciprocity measures is in a precarious position in the Senate is admitted even at the White House. Practically the same interests and the same methods that become famous through saving the seat of Lorimer, are factors in the fight against reciprocity. The lumber interests, for instance, are anxious to have reciprocity defeated, and the gigantic paper trust is equally hostile to the measure.

It has only been within the last day or two that President Taft has realized how serious is the position of reciprocity. Two weeks ago, and even as late as a week ago, reciprocity appeared to have a safe majority in the senate. The fight against the measure was carried on very quietly, just as the fight to save Boss Lorimer was conducted. Suddenly it developed that the powerful interests which still control the

COL. AND MRS. McALISTER AT HOME.

Delightful Afternoon Reception.

On Tuesday last a beautiful informal reception was held at the home of Col. and Mrs. A. C. McAlister from four to seven o'clock in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage and the twenty fifth anniversary of the marriage of their daughter, Sarah, to Mr. J. E. Carson, of Charlotte.

The guests were cordially welcomed at the door by the sons of the home, and in the hall by the daughters-in-law. Miss May McAlister, conducted them to the parlor where amid a wealth of flowers the brides and grooms of 61 and 86 received the warm congratulations of their many friends. After the felicitations of the day were exchanged the guests were shown into the beautifully decorated dining room, aglow with the lights of many candles in tall silver candelabras and fragrant with a profusion of flowers massed on tables and side board. The guests were served by the children's children with delicious and refreshing orange ices and cake.

The celebration of this golden wedding has been an event of much interest for rarely is it permitted man and wife to travel along life's highway for a half century and the friends of this couple wish for them a continuation of life's blessings full measure of success and happiness for each added year.

Guilford College Commencement

The editor is indebted to Mr. Fletcher Bulla for an invitation to Guilford College commencement May 27-30.

Senate had apparently secured enough pledges to defeat reciprocity.

The Lorimer tactics contemplated a long delay during which time the Finance committee will ostensibly proceed with its investigation. Then when the opposition sees that it has the votes to crush the treaty, they will allow it to come to a vote.

Senators Stone of Missouri and Williams of Mississippi, both Democratic members of the Finance committee, are working earnestly to save reciprocity. But they are finding it uphill work in the committee, which is dominated by the reactionaries.

Knute A Weird Per

Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota has swapped tariff ideas again. He now attacks President Taft because of the reciprocity agreement and its alleged injury to the farmers. Yet when opposing the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill in the last Congress he asserted that there is no protection to the farmers in the tariff. He argued then that prices of farm products are governed by the rates in the competitive world market. Further evidences that Knute has traveled back like a crab from the progressives to the standpaters are that he takes the side of Ballinger against Pinchot, and that he voted against his own colleague, Senator Moses Clapp, for president protem, of the Senate and supported Senator Gallinger, high protectionist chief and ship subsidy monger.

Where Fight Comes From.

From a suite of offices in Williams street, New York which is just at the edge of the Wall street district an expensive campaign against reciprocity is being waged. A force of stenographers and writers is sending broadcast literature telling the farmers they will be ruined by reciprocity. Senator Stone has had the men in charge of the bureau subpoenaed in order that the Finance committee may ascertain whether it is the National Grange or Wall street that is really behind the movement to discredit reciprocity.

Sample of Extravagance.

Seven thousand five hundred dollars! This was the amount of the public's money expended to refurbish the offices of Postmaster General Hitchcock under the Taft policy of "out-to-the-quick economy." Asked to cite a parallel to this extravagance, Mr. Hitchcock's representative said this amount was nothing to what the Equitable Life Insurance company and other Wall street firms expend.

Please Answer.

If the steel trust makes rails for Australia at \$24 a ton, and for the United States at \$28 a ton, asks Collier's magazine, which of the two countries is the beneficiary of the American tariff?