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PRESERVE THE ROADS

We have some good roads in Randolph county and it is to be hoped that the mileage may be still further increased. It is as foolish as extravagant, however, to tax ourselves to the limit to build good roads and then fail to provide for their proper maintenance.

The Chatham County Record in a recent issue was advocating the return of the once popular whipping post for various offenses. The list of offenses mentioned covered a multitude of sins such as assaults which have recently occurred nearby, and vagrancy.

COST OF LIVING TO BE INCREASED

Under the new Republican tariff soon to go into effect, the cost of living is to be boosted. It is already higher than the most of us would care to have it.

No minority party could desire a better issue than the Republicans of the present congress have presented to the Democrats. It is an issue on which the Democratic party has won two national victories within a generation and on which it can and will win a third.

The Fordney-McCumber measure is the one tariff bill for which no excuse can be offered and no justification presented. But an incompetent leadership has committed the party to it, and an incompetent leadership must be sustained even though the party itself is plunged to defeat.

There can be no economic peace in this country under this tariff, which penalizes American labor and the American consumer, which votes hundreds of millions into the coffers of special interests, and which sets up insurmountable barriers to the foreign commerce upon which the prosperity of the American people depends.

The Democrats will carry congress in November on the issue of the Fordney-McCumber tariff.

With the new tariff bill, as it now is, men's suits will be advanced in price \$15.00. Of course our orthodox Republican friends will gladly pay the difference, while the Democrats will reluctantly follow suit.

The family reunion finds more and more favor. In Randolph county where one was held a score of years ago there are now a dozen, with and kin coming from long distances to get together once a year.

That pride is not the same sort of thing that the snobbish persons who pretend to believe that their ancestors were either Mayflowers or Virginia Cavaliers feel. The reunions throughout the country that count for anything are held by people who do not pretend to be descended from some lady-in-waiting at the court of Charles II or some nephew of William the Conqueror or Robert Bruce.

There should be more of these reunions.

THE TARIFF AND AGRICULTURAL DEPRESSION

During the course of the discussion of the tariff bill, Senator McCumber said: "Agricultural depression has made itself felt throughout the country and has been a big factor in closing manufacturing establishments."

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The fertilizer trust and the Alabama Power company are credited with being able to prevent the house from taking action on the Ford Muscle Shoals proposal. But the Democrats in their persistence in bringing up the subject from day to day since the house met after recess have made it decidedly uncomfortable for the majority.

Senator Tom Heflin, of Alabama, is now assured that the president will not re-appoint Governor W. P. G. Harding as head of the federal reserve board. The senator says the president knows that the farm bloc will prevent the confirmation of Governor Harding in the senate on the ground of senatorial courtesy.

It is of interest to note that there are forty-eight fairs scheduled for this fall in North Carolina. The first one to open will be the Four County fair at Mebane, September 5-5, the last being at Goldsboro, Wayne county, November 14-15.

WILL CONGRESS GIVE THE COAL COMMISSION LAW TEETH?

(By David F. St. Clair) Washington, August 28.—The great government of the United States is coming to be more and more a government by commissions, bureaus and agencies.

The Esch-Cummins railroad law gave us the railroad labor board but it failed to prevent the shopmen's strike. Some of its proponents say it was because it was set up without teeth. One of the bureaus the war gave us was a federal trade commission which was commissioned to gather information for congress and the country about the coal industry but the coal operators by court injunction prevented the information from being gathered and now in the face of a coal strike the government is without accurate information on which to base proper coal legislation.

Congress is now engaged in framing a measure to create a coal commission that will gather such information and according to the bill of Senator Borah formulate a policy that will aid congress in legislating on the coal industry.

The Winslow coal commission bill passed by the house is regarded by its opponents as nothing better than a legislative farce. It is an act designed purposely, they declare to save the coal barons in their entrenched position.

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The Winslow bill simply creates a commission with no more powers than the federal trade commission had. The federal trade commission sought facts about the coal industry under the powers of the constitution to regulate interstate commerce.

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