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THE PUBLIC ROADS QUESTION IN NORTH CAROLINA.

The following interesting facts are the result of an investigation recently made by the North Carolina Geological Survey as to the public roads conditions in the State:

All but 2 or 3 of the counties in North Carolina are still working the public roads under what is known as the "Old State Law," which requires all male citizens between the ages of 18-45 years to work the public roads on an average of 6 days during each year, or pay an amount of money sufficient to provide a substitute for doing this work. Forty-five of these counties, in addition to having this "Old State Law" have a provision for a special road tax, which is on an average for State 16 1/2 cents on the \$100 property valuation, and 52 cents on the poll.

The total amount of money spent on the public roads during the past year was \$401,882 00, including the money spent for permanent roads, repairing, grading and all other purposes. This amount seems surprisingly large when we consider the wretched condition of some of the roads in the State. However, one county alone (Mecklenburg) spent more than \$45,000. And Guilford county recently authorized an issue of \$900,000 in bonds for road building and is spending several thousands of it each year.

Thirty-six counties in the State are using convicts in working the public roads, and the total average number of convicts thus employed during the year was 825.

However, in not more than a dozen counties of the State is this convict work on the public roads done economically and satisfactorily. The best system probably exists in Mecklenburg county, where about one hundred convicts in two separate camps are worked constantly on the public roads. The average cost there of feeding, clothing and guarding the convicts and providing sleeping quarters, medical attention and all other necessities averages 23 cents per day per convict. These valuable results are obtained through intelligent management and business-like methods.

So far as we are able to determine the good roads question in North Carolina is more alive than ever before, and the Geological Survey is constantly receiving requests from all sections of the State for advice and practical assistance in public road improvement. Our Good Roads Engineer, Mr. W. L. Spoon, spends the greater part of his time in visiting the different counties of the State to assist the county authorities in the practical questions of road improvement; and this is done without cost to the county for his services.

The North Carolina Good Roads Association has also recently done some effective educational work for good roads; and the formation of county organizations most of the counties, under the general State Association, has stimulated the movement in a large degree; and the indications are that the good roads movement will continue its steady and gradual growth during the present year.

The Patient Darky.

The Hon. John Sharp Williams, leader of the minority in the house of representatives, says that one day while leisurely driving down a road near his home town in Mississippi, he observed a darky reclining under a tree near the road side. The negro was gazing lazily up through the branches of the tree, and a hoe lay beside him. In the cornfield adjoining the road there could be seen, Mr. Williams states, many weeds impeding the growth of the grain.

"What are you doing there, Sam?" asked Mr. Williams.

"I 'ee beah to hoe dat corn, sah," was the answer.

"Then what are you doing under the tree resting?"

"Not exactly, sah. I ain't hardly restin', cause I ain't tired. I'm waitin' fo' de sun to go down, so I can quit work."

Wanted Kingdom.

Joel Chandler Harris, the author of "Tar Baby and Other Rhymes of Uncle Remus," was recently approached by an old negro, who said:

"Boss, dey tell me dat youse wrote a book about us all. Am dat a fac'?"

"I did," replied the author solemnly.

"Well, den, boss, Ah wants to know how much kingdom we gets for lettin' ourselves be put in de book, huh?"

"Kingdom?" repeated the author, puzzled. "I'm afraid you won't get a kingdom for that just yet."

The old negro shuffled away, grumbling in a dissatisfied manner, and it did not dawn on Mr. Harris till some time later that he had been trying to collect a royalty in behalf of his race, who furnished the material for the book.

New Cure for Cancer.

All surface cancers are now known to be curable by Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Jas. Walters, of Dunfield, Va., writes: "I had a cancer on my lip for years that seemed incurable, till Bucklen's Arnica Salve healed it, and now it is perfectly well." Guaranteed cure for cuts and burns. 25c at all drug stores.

FADS IN SCHOOLS VOTED DOWN IN NEW YORK.

New York World, March 24th.

The Board of Education yesterday resolved to tear all the Maxwell "fads" out in the elementary course in the New York public schools. The vote was decisive—22 to 12.

Beginning next September, when the reform goes into effect, the period of instruction in the lowest primary grade will be reduced from five to three and a half hours a day. The little pupils will not do any more sewing nor undergo those "hygienic" games in exercises. Some of the physiology, also, some of the music. Only the plain, old-fashioned essentials are to be taught, without any frills.

Supt. Maxwell was literally stunned by the action of the board. For ten years he had been the autocrat of that body, dictating every phase of its policy, and paying little attention to public criticism.

Commissioner Lammis said: "To keep such young children at study in the class-rooms five hours a day is to affect their development. They need air, freedom and slow teaching. There is no longer individual teaching in our public schools. The children are pushed in masses from one course into the next. Under the present system 10 per cent. of the pupils are reported 'backward.' There was never a time when there was so much complaint against our school system. Only one hour a day now goes to teaching the essentials."

"So far as moral teaching is concerned, the course of study is greatly deficient. The children should be taught honesty, truthfulness, usefulness and an idea of duty. We treat the school children like chickens in an incubator."

Commissioner McGowan said: "The teachers tell me that many of the little ones grow nervous at the afternoon session, or they fall asleep."

"The boy who goes through our schools to-day," declared Commissioner Haupt, "is not as well fitted for active life as the boy who went through our schools ten or fifteen years ago. Recently I went over the letters of one hundred and thirty applicants for a clerkship in a bank. I was ashamed of their showing. Too much time is given to 'fads.'"

Superintendent Maxwell made a long speech in favor of keeping the little children in school five hours a day. He said it would give the foreigners among the pupils a better chance to learn English. Also, he said, it helped the mothers, by relieving them of the care of the children.

"For these reasons," he said, "let us preserve the school day as it has come down to us through 2,000 years."

"I don't care what happened 2,000 years ago," said Commissioner Abraham Storn. "I am concerned about the present."

In After Years.

"You told me once," she pensively said, when they met in after years, he being a widower and she a widow, "that you never could learn to be happy without me."

"I know it," he replied. "In those days there was an adage that I had not tested."

"What was it?"

"Love and learn."

To renounce happiness and think only of duty, to put conscience in the place of feeling—this voluntary martyrdom has its nobility. The natural man in us flinches, but the better self submits. To hope for justice in the world is a sign of sickly sensibility; we must be able to do without it. True manliness consists in such independence.—Amiel.

Moral feeling is a force—a force by which man's actions are to be restrained within certain bounds; and no legislative mechanism can really increase its results. By how much this force is deficient, by so much must its work remain undone.—Herbert Spencer.

Do you think of one fault as harmless and another as slight, and another unintended? Oast them all aside; they are ugly soot from the smoke of the pit for all that.—Auvon.

Cling to the farm, make much of it, put yourself into it, bestow your heart and your brain upon it, so that it shall be a part of you and radiate your virtue after your day's work is done.—John Burroughs.

Women don't know much about the possibilities of brick, stone, steel and wood, but they can take two strings, a piece of ribbon and a bit of rag and put to shame the creative faculty of all mankind.

"So you belong to the club?"

"Well," answered the youth with longish hair, "that's what we call it; but no one seems very joyous when we sing."

If the streets were paved with gold there would still be objections raised to the dust.

The pen-and-ink artist may be artist may be classed among those who draw the color line.

THIS EDITOR HAD BEEN THERE.

Exchange.

Some of our exchanges speak of this paper as a farmer's paper. Well, we must acknowledge we have a leaning towards the farmer—in fact, the editor is a farmer.

We have followed the plow and a pair of bridle mules to turn over many acres of black alluvial soil and bumble bees' nests.

We have chopped off and set out hundreds of shocks of corn when the frost was on the pumpkin.

We have waited after the scythe and cradle to tie up acres and acres of golden grain in days gone by.

We have tunneled into the potato hill and brought out bushels of the rich, luscious fruit, with the hoe and the plow handle.

We have turned the grindstone for hours and hours, in the bright summer's sun, until the world seemed all a hollow mockery.

We have chopped down the Jimson weed in all its glory, and saw it fall a withered mass of ruins to the earth.

We have cut stove wood with a dull axe in the bright July sun until we felt like running away from home and becoming a train robber.

We have played hide and seek with the razor-back sow in the corn field for hours and hours, when the mud was on our breeches and the water in our socks.

We have chased the cow with crumpled horn out of the wheat field, and watched the wobble legged calf hang on the teat like a politician to a fat office.

In fact, we have done everything that is done on a farm, from engineering a hay rake to fighting over a line fence, and have raised everything that can be raised on a farm from an umbrella to a deed of trust, and why shouldn't we have a fellow feeling for the farmer?

A Voluntary Confession.

"I see a good deal about voluntary confessions these days," said Representative Cooper, of Texas, in the Democratic cloak-room, "and every time I read about one it reminds me of a story Judge MacFarland used to tell down in my county."

"Judge MacFarland had a large practice and was a rattling good lawyer. He had a client named Henderson who was at daggers' points with his own father about some land which he had inherited from his mother. The client came to the Judge one day and told him that his father had tried to poison him."

"What evidence have you of that?" asked the Judge.

"My negro, old Sam, told me so," was the reply.

"Was his story a voluntary one?"

"Oh, yes, entirely so. I took Sam out behind the barn and had him hit seventy lashes, and he voluntarily belched up the truth."

How They Lost Their Home.

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Misery loves company, perhaps, but society at large does not reciprocate the affection.

THE FARMER AND THE MULE.

Reason Farmers Make Little Money That Mule Power Costs Too Much.

Monroe Journal.

Mr. Lee Wolfe, who lately moved to Monroe from Mecklenburg county, has some original ideas about the mule and his relation to farm work. "When we were all talking about free silver and the need of more money, I laughed at it," said Mr. Wolfe. "And," he continued, "when the farmers meet to devise high prices, I say it's no good, gentlemen, in the long run; it may give temporary relief, but you haven't got at the permanent root of the evil. Gentlemen, the mule is the thing that is troubling us. He is at the bottom of all our woes; he's our big enemy. Such talk surprises people, for they think the mule is the farmer's best friend, but he is not. I can prove that he is not. He takes up one-third of the production of the farm. Count it up, gentlemen; the high price you pay for him, the comparative short time of his best service, and the great expense of his feed, (to say nothing of accidents and drunks, in which we trade him off for nothing) and year in and year out, you'll find he comes in for a third. Now, no business that spends a third of its receipts for motive power alone, can be profitable. The drain is too great. Gentlemen, the farmer needs a cheaper motive power, and must have it before he can ever be prosperous like the men of other occupations. I have known this thing for fifteen years, having learned by running a field thresher, and I have often thought of writing to Mr. Edison and asking him to give his attention to this matter. If he or some other inventor will give us a cheap motor from one to five horse power, that we can plow with, we'll get rich, but never before."

How to Stay Young.

Milwaukee Journal.

How old are you? The adage says that women are as old as they look and men as they feel. That's wrong. A man and woman are as old as they take themselves to be.

Growing old is largely a habit of the mind. "As a man thinketh in his heart so he is." If he begins shortly after middle age to imagine himself growing old he will be old.

To keep one's self from decrepitude is somewhat a matter of will power. The fates are kind to the man who hangs on to life with both hands. He who lets go will go.

Death is slow only to tackle the tenacious.

Ponce de Leon searched in the wrong place for the fountain of youth. It is in one's self. One must keep one's self young inside. So that while "the outer man perisheth the inner man is renewed day by day."

When the human mind ceases to exert itself, when there is no longer an active interest in the affairs of life, when the human stops reading and thinking and doing, the man, like a blasted tree, begins to die at the top.

You are as old as you think you are. Keep the harness on. The job is not done.

The Buffalo gnat, which has been reported at Grand Coteau and other points at Louisiana, are now very common around Vicksburg, Utica and Yazoo City, Miss., and have killed and rendered sick a large number of cattle and mules. The pest is interfering very seriously in farm work.

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