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"MC." ON GOOD ROADS.

He Says Talk More About Beautifying Our Homes and Not So Much About Weather and Crops.

Saxon, May 25.

Editor Reporter:

Your editorial of last week wakes me up. Anything said about good or better roads always gets my attention. I get hopeful that our people will in my time awake to the many blessings that come with good roads. We may talk and write about them, and how best to get them, until doomsday, but unless we begin right down at the bottom and in the homes of our people, convince them of the benefit of good roads, we will continue in the same old rut to drag through mud and bump over rocks. Let me tell you what I recently noted while driving over an ordinary Stokes county road. I stopped at the home of a friend (and one who owns in fee simple about 300 acres of fine tobacco land). His wife was sorrowfully bemoaning the wanderings of three sons. Nice splendid boys who would have been worth several thousand dollars to old Stokes had she held them as citizens. They are roaming restless in other States. This father is plodding along in the old way and now comes the point I wish to make. Within one hundred yards of the door of that home and in the only road that approaches it, are at least a dozen wagon loads of loose rock, some as large as water-buckets, many as large as gallon buckets, while to mend the matter, as the owner thought, around where the old road had become a gully he had cut a new road with about fifty stamps in it from 8 to 18 inches high. Showing as I see it the utter blindness and indifference of our people to the thing that would do more to keep our boys contented and happy on the farm than anything else. Beautify your homes, clean away the rocks and stumps, keep the briars and weeds cut close, sow grass seed, and have your surroundings neat and cheerful, and we won't have heartaches about our boys leaving home, and when they do go away they will take every occasion to come back and visit the much loved old home. Get to work along this line. Do your talking and writing about neat, well kept, cheerful country homes, instead of the weather and the crops, and soon we will have an ideal country.

Mc.

List of States That Will Hold Elections This Year.

Oregon will hold its election on June 4th. Arkansas on Sept. 1st. Vermont Sept. 4th. Maine Sept. 10th. Georgia Oct. 3rd. Kentucky November 5th and all the rest Nov. 6th.

Must Put Up Flag At Box.

The postoffice department at Washington has made a ruling that will greatly interest the rural delivery carriers. Heretofore they had to drive up to every box on their route and examine it to see if there was any mail to be taken up, but hereafter a flag must be put up if mail is deposited, so that the carrier can see it and know that he must stop. If no flag is up and he has no mail for delivery, he simply drives on. In this way he will save considerable time, for a great many delivery boxes are some distance from the public roads.

STOOD THE TEST 25 YEARS.

old original GROVE'S Chill Tonic. You know are taking. It is iron in a tasteless form. To pay.

AGAINST BASEBALL IN SCHOOLS.

Four Soft Drink Stands In Operation At Sardis—Stokes Needs More Bridges—Other Notes.

Pine Hall, May 25.

Editor Reporter:

We noticed what "Mc." had to say about base ball, and we heartily endorse his stand on this question. Every man who has a boy to educate, should first find out whether or not the school he proposes to send to has a base ball team that leaves home to play a match game, and if it has, don't patronize it. We heard a man say today who has boys to educate that he had rather risk his boy any where else than at a base ball school. If our teachers won't stop it, let's have the legislature to prohibit it.

It is said that at least four soft drink stands were running at the Baptist Association last Sunday. Now, Mr. Justice of the Peace, and grand jurors, the safety of this nation depends upon the church and its institutions. If you fail to protect the church the nation is doomed. This Sabbath desecration especially on the church grounds, should be nipped in the bud. Stop it right where it is. Bottle goods is not a necessity and everybody that sells it on the church grounds on Sunday should be dealt with. Stop it right where it is.

We think the defeat of the bond issue in Rockingham county will for the present, at least, show our advocates of road working by taxation in Stokes county the way the wind is blowing. Stokes county is not ready for this yet, and in our judgment it would be waste of time and money to have a road election. Let us just have bridges across the bad fords. The road is very little account to us in this section, as we can only get to the river and have to stop.

Miss Lelia Flinn attended the Salem commencement this week.

Mr. W. M. Chisman is on a visit to his daughter at Reidsville.

A large number of our people attended the Baptist Association last Sunday.

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Letter From California.

Napa, California, May 20.

Mr. Editor:

Napa, the beautiful little "city of Roses," suffered the most from the great earthquake, being totally destroyed. A small city with vast possibilities, situated in the fertile Sonoma Valley, (Indian name, meaning Valley of the Moon). Her people had faith in it, and their hopes were being realized. Their estimates of the future were not absurd. It is down and out now, but it will not stay down. From the ruins will arise a more beautiful city. Some of the blood that is there has never been vanquished, having descended from the heroes of York Town and Valley Forge. That indomitable will that hewed out of the forests the homes of the pioneers will not stay down. They will bear their arms and with pick and shovel will rebuild and retain their place on the map.

Please send my Reporter to the address below.

Very truly,

J. L. HILL,
430 North St.,
Santa Rosa, Cal.

DEATHS FROM APPENDICITIS

decrease in the same ratio that the use of Dr. King's New Life Pills increases. They save you from danger and bring quick and painless release from constipation and the ills growing out of it. Strength and vigor always follow their use. Guaranteed by all Druggist. 25c. Try them.

MAKING CORN CHEAPLY

A GOOD SYSTEM OF CULTIVATION SET FORTH BY MR. FRENCH, OF BYRDVILLE, VA.

Messrs. Editors:

The corn crop being the greatest stock food produce we have, merits better treatment than it gets at the hands of most of us. Yet I believe the great majority of farmers are making advancement along the line of better preparations of the seed bed for this important crop and are also giving more attention the later cultivation of the plants.

HOLDING ON TO OLD SYSTEM.

Still we see altogether too many fields yet which give evidence that their owners are not troubling themselves with any "new-fangled notions" regarding corn cultivation. I pass such a field frequently. The field has about twelve corners, is covered with rocks, contains several flourishing patches of thorn and blackberry bushes. The land was plowed rather early while altogether too wet, but as the furrows were not over three inches in depth the main body of the soil wasn't injured greatly. This plowing was deemed sufficient preparation for the crop, so along in the first days of May the shovel plow was started laying off the rows. Then followed the boy with the bucket of seed corn, dropping one, two or three kernels, as most convenient, at distances apart ranging from one foot to four. The other man then came along with the double-shovel, shaking the clods up good and I think there was little doubt about the grain being covered, but "what will the harvest be?"

IS IT CHEAP?

Was this a cheap preparation of the soil? Let us see. The plowing—because of the irregular, shaped field and the many obstructions, cost not less than \$2.50 per acre, or enough—had the field been cleaned of trash—to have plowed it well and harrowed it thoroughly both ways with a spring-tooth riding cultivator, so if conditions had been right the land could have been made ready and in fine condition for the two-horse planter at no more cost of labor than has been incurred with the almost no preparation that has been given. The planting of this little piece of land cost, as near as I could figure, about \$1.10 per acre, whereas the work could have been done with the two-horse planter at about seventeen cents per acre.

We will see that this was a case where the so-called cheap preparation was not cheap after all, and is a good illustration of the worst form of patch-farming. In the one case a poor crop is assured whatever the season may be, while had the other method of preparation been used a fair crop was almost sure to follow, no matter what the season may have been.

HOW MR. FRENCH PREPARES HIS LAND.

Our corn land was well-plowed before Christmas to a depth of not less than eight inches, and along in April was cross-plowed in an equally thorough manner. Then a light roller was passed over the fields, crushing the soft clods very effectively. The spring-tooth cultivator was then used in the harrowing of the fields both ways, when we thought the land in condition to plant. The planting of a corn crop is a very small matter when we use a machine to do the work that covers nearly a rod in width at every round. And I tell you truly I wouldn't trade one two-horse corn planter for a dozen boys with their corn buckets, because we can regulate the planters, but not the boys.

HOW THE CROP SHOULD BE CULTIVATED NOW.

Since planting, our fields have had two thorough harrowings with the short-tooth, iron harrow and now (May 14th) the corn plants are breaking through fine mellow soil at great rate. After we have another rain and when the plants are three or four inches high, the light roller will go over these fields again at the rate of fifteen acres per day.

Then the sulky cultivator with its ten spring teeth, 2½ inches in width and equipped with the dirt guards, will begin its work. For the first cultivation the shovels will be set to cut four inches deep, afterward 2½ inches will be the rule.

We have found the foregoing treatment to be good medicine for the corn crop in years past, and we are banking on it and our stable manure to carry us through the present season. A. L. French in Progressive Farmer.

HODGES TO HANG JUNE 29.

Man Who Murdered His Sick Wife At Durham to Pay the Penalty On The Gallows.

Durham, May 14.—The jury in the John Hodges case returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree this afternoon, after having been in the jury room thirty minutes.

In passing the sentence Judge Ferguson took occasion to address the prisoner on the enormity of his crime and of the view taken by the law. He said that he did not know whether a new trial could be secured and warned the prisoner not to rely too strongly on that, but to prepare himself for the future. While he spoke tears gathered in the eyes of the judge, and he said it was one of the hardest duties imposed upon man.

House Destroyed By Fire.

On last Thursday afternoon W. B. Golden, who lives one mile west of Round Peak, this county, had the misfortune to lose his house and furniture by fire. After dinner Mr. Golden's ten-year-old daughter swept the kitchen and it is thought left the broom near the fireplace, and it is believed that the igniting of the broom was responsible for the fire. In about half an hour after the girl left the house the building was discovered to be on fire, and it had burned so rapidly as to render it impossible to remove the furniture from the house. All his household effects, including a lot of meat, corn, wearing apparel and a small sum of money, were destroyed. The house was a good one and it is estimated that the owner's loss amounts to five hundred dollars, without any insurance.—Mt. Airy Leader.

FORUNATE MISSOURIANS.

"When I was a druggist, at Livonia, Mo.," writes T. J. Dwyer, now of Graysville, Mo., "three of my customers were permanently cured of consumption by Dr. King's New Discovery, and are well and strong today. One was trying to sell his property and move to Arizona, but after using New Discovery a short time, he found it unnecessary to do so. I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as the most wonderful medicine in existence." Surest Cough and Cold cure and Throat and Lung healer. Guaranteed by all Druggist. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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COMING MARRIAGE.

Miss Ellen Petree, of Germanton, to Be Married to Dr. Geo. E. Dennis, of Jaeger, West Va., On June 9.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Petree, of Germanton, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Ellen, to Dr. Geo. E. Dennis, of Jaeger, W. Va., on Saturday, June 9th, at their home near Germanton.

The announcement is quite a surprise to the many friends of this popular and well known young couple.

In Memory Of Charlie Rhodes.

Dellar, May 21.—It is with a sad heart I now try to write the death of our friend and cousin, Mr. Charlie Rhodes. He died May 8th, of appendicitis, and was about 18 years of age, just in the bloom of life, and how sad it is to stand around the death bed of our loved one and see the angel of death. We often cry out and say our troubles are more than we can bear, but God's will must be done, not ours. He had all the attention that loving parents and friends could give, and was attended by three of the best physicians—Martin, McNeal and Moore.

While although you loved him so, but all your kindness given; To keep dear Charlie here below could not keep him from his home in Heaven.

God called his spirit home, his life by God was given, his body in the grave is laid, While his spirit dwells in Heaven.

Cheer up, dear friends, don't weep so long, O'er your poor Charlie's fate Life is but an idle song; Death comes soon or late.

He is singing, sweetly singing On fair Cannan's happy shore; He is waiting gladly waiting To greet the loved ones here below.

And we see the vacant chair And we note the empty bed; And our lips can softly murmur Dearest Charlie, he is dead.

But the day is not far distant And we hail it with delight; When we shall meet our dear one In the realms of Heavenly light.

God has plucked the fairest flower from the purest stem; It now adorns a Heavenly bower, and is a priceless gem.

How sad it was to part from one we loved so dear Although he drank the bitter cup without a sign of fear;

His life so short, but well was spent, his spirit dwells in love, His life by God was only lent, and He called him home above;

His friends so loathe to hear the cross whom by our Savior given; You only now can feel the loss, But think of him again in Heaven.

They did all they could for him, but they could not keep him from his home in Heaven. We hope our loss is Heaven's eternal gain. My heart goes out in sympathy to the bereaved family. May God bless and help them that when they lay down the burdens of life they may meet him in a better and brighter world, where there is bright summer always, and storms do never come.

A FRIEND.

Thomas A. Edison Visits Winston.

Thomas A. Edison, the world's most distinguished genius and inventor, spent Tuesday night of last week at Winston. Mr. Edison was enroute to Lincoln county, N. C., where he went to investigate some cobalt mines. He stated to the Winston papers that he had only been able to get this valuable mineral from Germany and that the cost had been too great. That if he found it in good quantities in North Carolina he could revolutionize the propelling power of automobiles. Mr. Edison was traveling in an automobile.

Briefs Adrift.

Mr. Walter Ray, of Francisco, was here Saturday.

A new Piedmont Warehouse is being erected at Winston.

There are only two prisoners confined in the jail here now.

Mr. John Alley, of Hartman, was a Danbury visitor Saturday.

It is learned that there are about fifteen guests at Moore's Springs now.

The county commissioners will be in monthly session next Monday.

Dr. W. L. McCaless returned from a business trip to Winston Saturday.

Mr. S. G. Wall, of Madison Route 3, was a Danbury visitor Saturday.

Mrs. A. J. Owens, of Danbury Route 1, has been right sick the past week.

Mr. Johnnie Manuel, of Walnut Cove Route 3, was here a short while Friday on business.

Mrs. Scott Simmons and sister, Miss May Alley, of Hartman, visited Danbury Friday.

Mr. L. A. Duncan, who has been attending school here, returned to his home near Dillard Saturday.

Mr. P. H. Linville, a prominent saw mill man of Belevs Creek Route 3, was in Danbury looking after some business Saturday.

Misses Nellie Joyce, of the State Normal College, and Mary Taylor, of Guilford College, are expected home today, their respective schools having closed.

Misses Fannie France, Flora Hutchens, Mary Shelton and Lottie Sisk, who have been attending school here for some time, returned to their homes Saturday.

Notwithstanding the reports of a scarcity of plants, Mr. Wm. Nelson, of Danbury, predicts that Stokes will produce as much tobacco this year as she ever did.

Mrs. Sterling Gentry, of Huntington, West Va., who is visiting relatives in Stokes, spent a day or two here the past week with the family of Mr. N. O. Petree.

Mrs. A. J. Fagg returned Saturday from a visit to her mother at Walnut Cove. She was accompanied home by her brother, Mr. Thos. Calloway.

Mr. J. H. Robertson, of Francisco Route 1, was here a short while Saturday. Mr. Robertson recently returned from Bombay, N. C., where he has been teaching.

Mrs. N. O. Petree visited her mother, Mrs. Caleb Hill, near Meadows, several days the past week. Mrs. Hill has been right sick for several days, but is much better now.

Mr. Robt. L. Mounce, who has been residing at High Point for some time, is at his old home near Meadows. He recently had a severe attack of measles and has not fully recovered.

Messrs. J. H. Covington, of Mizpah, and J. O. Boyles, of King, were here on business Saturday. Mr. Boyles told the Reporter that he had set out about ten thousand plants of tobacco so far. He uses a patent tobacco planter which waters the plants as they are set. He says the plants are living nicely.

Mr. A. H. Joyce returned from a visit to Winston-Salem Thursday. While at Winston Mr. Joyce had the pleasure of seeing and talking to Mr. Thos. A. Edison, who visited Winston last week. Mr. Edison asked Mr. Joyce a great many questions about the minerals, etc., in Stokes and said he hoped to visit the county sometime.