

FOR GOOD ROADS.

Their Benefit to Farmers and Citizens in General.

One of the most vigorous speeches delivered in congress in some time on the subject of good roads was an address by Representative William Sulzer, of New York, a few days ago. Mr. Sulzer believes that the people of the country would approve government aid in the construction of model highways, and for years has been fighting to secure this aid. He says that good roads would contribute to the progress and prosperity of the people everywhere; that they will benefit dwellers in the city as well as those who live in the country. He shows that the farmers are coming to realize that the difference between good roads and bad roads is the difference between profit and loss; that the man who lives on the improved highway has an immense advantage in the fight for prosperity over the man who lives on the ordinary unimproved turnpike, where wagon wheels sink to the hub in bad weather. The money value of good roads is being impressed everywhere, and when that is done action by congress will follow.

In the report of the country life commission, of which C. S. Barrett, of Union City, Ga., was a member, submitted to congress President Roosevelt last February, the improvement of good roads was among the specific recommendations made.

They declared that all the work should be cooperative between the federal government and the states, and thought the first necessary was to provide expert supervision and direction and to develop a national plan.

That property along improved highways enhances instantly and continually in value is proven by statistics gathered by the office of public roads as published as Bulletin No. 38. The bulletin shows that the percentage of the improved roads of the various states where farm land is worth less than \$20 per acre is 1.8 per cent, whereas in the states in which the average value of farm lands exceeds \$20 per acre improved roads are 9 per cent of the total mileage. It is shown that the building of a model highway connecting with a nearby market town has caused farm lands to enhance from 50 to 500 per cent in value. Hon. J. N. Eachelder, master of the National Grange, in a recent speech in Chicago, said: "The farmers have, for a long time, believed that the highways of the country are of greater importance than its waterways, and that every argument in favor of appropriations by congress for the improvement of our rivers, applies even more strongly to the improvement of public roads. All the more enlightened and progressive advocates of national aid to road improvement dwell upon the great advantage of having efficient and skilled help extended through the national government and its engineers, and the working out of a uniform plan in which the various states may cooperate."

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The Catawba Live Stock Association met in Newton on Saturday, the 15th, and among other things asked the State Board of Agriculture to assign another man to assist Mr. Conover in helping stock raisers to build silos, barns, etc., and passed a resolution asking it to assist to the formation of stock associations in other counties. Favorable reference was made to the action of Hickory people in offering prizes for best yield of various kinds of produce. The Association was organized the first of the year, has about 30 members, with J. W. Robinson as president.

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New Cotton Mill.

Information is received in Hickory that a very large and extensive cotton mill, the largest in the world, it is said, will be established at Hickory just as soon as the proposed hydro-electric development on the Catawba River here is assured. It seems that New England cotton mill men are taking the initiative in the matter. Whether or not they will remove factories from there here or establish a new factory is not yet stated. But most probably a new factory out and out.

A factory of such proportions should by all means be a new one. In either event it would not be necessary or even possible with only the 9000 of primary horse power that can be developed to be transmitted to any other place than Hickory, for that would require all the current to be had to be utilized in Hickory.

Such a mill would employ from 5,000 to 6,000 hands, and its effects on the prosperity of Hickory can be imagined.

A Reunion.

Tuesday May 18, her children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors met at Mrs. Joseph Hawn's, Newton, R. F. D. 5, on her 60th birthday and every one brought baskets filled to overflowing. She has eight living children, Mr. C. E. Hawn, Mrs. Pink Barger, Mrs. A. R. Barger, Mr. Robt. Hawn, Mr. Geo. Hawn, Mrs. Herbert Boliek, Mr. Otis Hawn and Mr. West Hawn, and two dead, with twenty two grandchildren living. There were sixty seven present in all. Just before dinner Rev. Mr. Roof, of Newton, read some verses from the Bible, and then prayed for each and every one and that Mother Hawn should live for many years to come, and that we would all live such a life that we could meet in Heaven, if not on earth again. They then had dinner, and Oh! such a dinner, the table fairly groaned.

Every one then enjoyed him or her self in one way or another until time to go home, one and all wishing they could stay longer; every one went away hoping to meet again with Mother Hawn and enjoy many more birthday dinners.

Connelly Springs.

A couple of weeks ago a blue speckled setter started at Granite Falls and, after biting several dogs there, came through Rhode Hiss, Rutherford College, and Valdese, finishing up at this place, where it was killed. It bit many dogs in each place. Its head was sent to Raleigh, where it was found that the dog was mad. Some 35 dogs which were bitten have been killed, and more will be. Fortunately no person was bitten.

Mr. J. M. Sides, who has had an attack of apendicitis, has recovered without an operation.

Connelly Springs is waking up, Rev. D. A. Goobman is building a new house on Mountain street and the hotel here has opened up earlier than usual this year, and boarders have been coming in for some time.

J. E. Coulter of this place has just received a letter from his son, A. A. Coulter, who is railroading in Cerro de Paso Peru S. A. stating that while he was on his run some one broke into his room and broke the lock of his trunk and stole therefrom \$225.00 in cash and made good their escape; He has been trying for some days to catch the guilty parties, but with no success. He had sent home to his father \$10.00 and regrets that he did not send all he made home. He has been in Peru about a year, but is thinking of coming back to the U. S. about Oct. 1, as the rainy season begins about that time and he don't care to encounter another. He is working on a railroad having the highest altitude in the world, the average of which is about 14,000 feet above the sea, and in a region of perpetual snow, with not a tree to be seen on the entire run. Strange to say 20 miles from this line of road oranges and lemons grow in abundance.

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The question before the people of Hickory just now is whether this growth and progress shall continue, or whether it shall be checked. The school board has exercised good judgment and strict economy in administering the fund, but the time has come when more money must be provided or the school will suffer. More room must be provided and more teachers added or the work can not be done properly. Will the people of Hickory provide the necessary funds, or will they allow the work of the schools to be hindered and the progress to be checked.

The people of Hickory would resent any insinuation that their town is not as live and progressive as any other town in the State. In fact they are fully convinced that they have as good a town as there is. But do they want their schools to be on an equal footing with the schools of Lenoir, Morganton, Statesville, Mt. Airy, and other neighboring towns? If so, they must provide more money for the schools, for it is money that makes the mare go in school work as well as in other lines.

The members of the school board realize the need for more room and more teachers. But it will be necessary for the people to register for the election to be held May 31, and to vote for the additional school tax. Those who are interested in the welfare of the schools will have to register and vote on the needs of the schools will not be provided for. Will the people of Hickory do their duty in this matter, or will they simply neglect it, and by so doing allow the school to be cramped in its work?

The bright tobacco growers of Virginia and North Carolina have decided to pool the 1909 crop at a general average of 12 cents a pound and if not sold at satisfactory prices to reduce the crop of 1910.

Last Thursday afternoon, Mrs. O. M. Royster and Miss Ada Schenck entertained eight tables bridge. Mrs. C. M. Sherrill won the prize, a coat suit hanger. Miss Julia Wheeler won the booty prize, a vase, and Mrs. M. M. Groves the consolation, a pair of black silk hose. Delicious strawberry cream and cakes were served later in the evening.

Whooping Cough.

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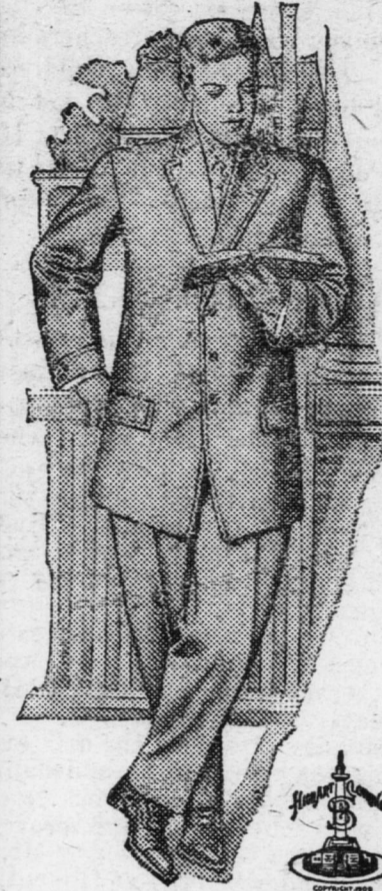
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