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How Good Roads Look In Some Other Counties.

How to Get Better Roads.

Concerning the proposal for the reduction of railway freight and passenger rates in the South much has been said these last twelve months, but there is one form of traffic rate production in progress about which little has been written, which is yet a factor of no small importance in the agricultural uplift of which I am writing. To transport a ton one mile by sea costs one-tenth of a cent; by rail, one cent; while to haul a ton a mile over good road costs seven cents, and over an ordinary country road, twenty-five cents. It is the extortionate freight and passenger rate exacted by the ordinary country road that we are now setting ourselves to reduce; we must bring the ton rate down from twenty-five to seven cents a mile. Hence another builder of the State I would mention is S. B. Alexander, of Mecklenburg, leader of the movement in which that county built highways which have made it famous. But the agricultural uplift is debtor not only to these expensive methods of road-making, but also to that marvelously simple and inexpensive, and no less marvelously effective, good roads maker, the split-log drag. "With a three-horse plow and a drag," H. H. Williamson, of Rockingham county, tells me, "I have built nearly a mile of road in ten hours which in many respects was superior to roads with an expensive machine." For another example, take Griffith dirt road out of Monroe, dragged after rains this spring with two pieces of timber lashed together. "It will do your eyes good to see it," as a farmer expressed it, road fifty per cent better at practically no cost; a dirt road as smooth and level as the macadam streets in Monroe.—Progressive Farmer.

The Country Boys.

In all ages of the world, it has been the country boys that developed into the man that blessed the world. There were more of them than any other. Especially in this State, we must look to the country boys for men to guide church and State. For out of every 100 boys in the state, 81 are country boys, leaving only 18 in the towns. We have a State Reformatory for young criminals. It has only been open a year or two. Already the courts have sent 45 boys to it, boys who have committed some crime. It makes us sad to say that every one of these are from the towns. It ought to be a rebuke and warning to our town boys. We are glad to say that there is not a farm boy among these 45 boys. It is a high compliment to the country boys, the hope of the State.

Miss Beatrice Cobb came up from Hickory and spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Rollins.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Taylor are entertaining a fine boy. Both mother and child are doing well. The Deal who was found dead alongside the railroad track near Morganton last week left a widow and one child. Mrs. Deal was his second wife and is a granddaughter of Andrew Morgan of Rollins. She is now living with her grandfather. She had filed a suit against her husband for the maintenance of her child and this case is now pending before the court at Marion but his death will work a discontinuance of it. The members of Rainhill church have sent a request to the Methodist conference to have Rev. Thomas Hill sent them as a pastor. Miss Bertha Martin who died at Grace Hospital in Morganton last week was a teacher in the Glen Alpine Springs School this last year and was a woman of fine christian character and much beloved in this vicinity. She was not only a good teacher but also a good preacher, having conducted the services at Rainhill church on different occasions, and was always listened to with strict attention, as she always had something uplifting to say. We shall all miss her greatly. A correspondent of the Morganton News-Herald recently wrote about the first class hotel that was built in Marion and wished that Morganton also had a first class hotel. Hotel Morgan, at Morganton, still furnishes first class entertainment, but the Marion hotel fell down through defective material and workmanship.

Boone.

The Superior court has been in session one week and will continue another week. The most important case this week was the trial of Wm. Baldwin for the murder of Hillet Miller at Blowing Rock a few months ago. Miller was policeman and endeavored to arrest Baldwin on a charge of concealing whiskey. Miller hailed Baldwin and began reading the warrant and tried to get Baldwin to go with him. Baldwin shot him four times, and he only lived a few days. Baldwin had told if he ever attempted to arrest him that he would kill him. The jury gave a verdict of murder in first degree. Another murder case is on trial. Mrs. Bennett for the killing of Mr. Hardin. This occurred at Banner Elk. The death of Rev. David Green at his home on Meat Camp on the 14, has been greatly lamented throughout this section. Mr. Greene was in his 61st year and had been an active minister of the Gospel in the Baptist church for 31 years. A great good man has gone from among us. Oscar Hardin, of Tennessee, and Miss Sama Little, of this county, were married at the home of the bride's father, Dr. Little, on the 15th by Rev. W. R. Savage.

Blackwelder-Martin Entertainment Course.

In commenting upon the results of the work of the lyceum bureau the newspapers of several places have recently laid particular emphasis on the value of the institution as an educational force in creating a higher ideal of recreation and furnishing a course of entertainments of a character designed to sustain and foster that ideal. The result has been gradually to elevate many local standards and to develop a new and wholesome sentiment that reflects itself in many phases of the town life.

By the interest they have displayed in our recent announcement a majority of the people of Hickory have shown that they prefer high class concerts to the ordinary shows and circuses that come here also that they appreciate the educational value of such attractions to the community as a whole. It would now be well for these people to impress their own convictions upon the remaining portion of Hickory so that the effect of the gook work may not be lost in any quarter. In this way, they would render valuable aid to the local committee and thereby, with little loss of time to themselves, make certain the success of the undertaking of these gentlemen who have given their best efforts generously for the benefit of the community at large. The concerts will furnish genuine entertainment to all who have the foresight to attend them and in addition will be of direct benefit to Hickory by the impetus they will give to the best of those endeavors in which our people are interested.

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Big Times at Winston-Salem.

The Fair which comes off at Winston-Salem, Oct. 5-6-7-8, will no doubt be the biggest event of the kind ever seen in the state. This is not a County Fair, but it is now the Great Piedmont Fair. Besides the Wild West Demorest Circus, the balloon race, Sousa, the march king with his Philadelphia band, the funny clown, etc., there will be a great Automobile parade, the exhibition by 150 Y. M. C. A. boys, the tournament, the horse show, fire works, etc.

Everybody come to the big Winston-Salem fair, and have a good time.

Brief Periods.

The comet has been sighted, but afar off. The students of Trinity have signed a pledge not to assist in "hazing" of any kind. A Rowan farmer has been indicted for charging usury. Dr. Cook receives a big welcome on his return. The University has 775 students. Maran, a colored preacher, living in Richmond county, says he is 128 years old, has been a christian 100 years and has been preaching 80 years. In Wilmington Saturday, during a trial, a lawyer got mad, and struck the main limb of the court, with his fist. Big storms have been raging on the ocean.

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