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This County Should Investigate Sand-Clay Roads.

Mr. Wade H. Harris, the level-headed editor of the Charlotte Chronicle, spent last Thursday in Monroe and was very much pleased with the appearance of our town. One idea expressed by Mr. Harris ought to be investigated. He thinks that the sand-clay roads that are proving so popular in the South could be easily made here. Experts and practical road builders have shown that, considering the cost of construction and maintenance, the sand clay road bed is superior to the macadam. A bulletin issued by the government on this subject says:

"It may safely be said that the construction of sand-clay roads in the Southern States has passed the experimental stage. It has been proved that they are well adapted for light traffic, and are less noisy, less dusty, and more resilient than the average macadam road. Even under heavy traffic they have proved to be a great extent satisfactory. There are sand-clay roads in the South Atlantic and Gulf States over which heavy loads of cotton and other farm products are hauled throughout the year, with but little resulting damage. When the cheapness of this kind of construction is considered, it will be seen that for certain localities, at least, it is preferable to macadam. In all cases a mixture of sand and clay is better than either material alone, except perhaps where it is impossible to drain a sandy road, and, in consequence, it is always wet."

When it is considered that such roads can be constructed at a fourth of the cost of macadam, depending here upon the cost of the sand, this subject is well worthy of attention. The road commissioners of this township ought to investigate the subject. Such roads are being built in Anson, Scotland, Cumberland and elsewhere and could easily be examined. Application to either the State or national authorities would secure much information, and no doubt an expert would be sent here to examine our roads and give an opinion. There is no reason why a progressive community like this should be content with the work already done. Let's get busy.

The Bottom of the Divorce Evil.

A well known writer on sociology has given seven propositions that he thinks would end the divorce evil, and like all real preventatives, they seek to remove the cause of the evil. They are:

1. Instruction of girls in domestic science, housekeeping, etc.
2. Systematic instruction of the youth of both sexes in the ethics and ideals of the marriage relation.
3. Safeguards in custom, perhaps in law, against the marriage of pure women to tainted men.
4. Marriage only at place of residence of one of the persons.
5. Repeal of the common law marriage.
6. A filing of declaration of intention to marriage not less than, say, six weeks before the issuance of a marriage license. (Statistics show that the success of a marriage is in direct relation to the length of time parties have been acquainted before marriage.)
7. Where the volume of business warrants it, the creation of special divorce tribunals, on which women shall sit as well as men."

While some of these conditions might be hard to carry out, certainly some of them could most easily be enacted into laws that would carry absolute obedience. Two at least could be enacted and enforced themselves: marriage only at the place of residence of one of the persons, and the publishing of the intention of marriage some weeks before it actually takes place. Of course the most important of all, the instruction of youth as to the proper meaning of marriage, must be done by parents and no law can cover it, but certainly a sane code of laws would go far towards remedying the marriage evil—that being the real name of the trouble, rather than the divorce evil.

Mr. Tompkins Takes Novel Suggestion to Cotton Farmers.

Mr. D. A. Tompkins, the most prolific writer on the general subject of cotton and good roads in the South, made some remarks yesterday on the subject of the price of cotton. He, of course, talks wisely about the co-operation that should exist between farmers and spinners in the South, and says:

"The Southern cotton manufacturers say they don't want cheap cotton. The farmer who gets 13 cents for his cotton can buy more of his cotton goods and pay a better price for them than if cotton was at 10 or 8 cents. The Southern spinners' interest is in cotton at a good price to justify a fair price for his product. In truth all our interests lie in a well balanced diversification of manufactured products and farm products here at home. It is upon that basis we have at last come to a little prosperity. By its further development we will prosper more. The farmer who would hold up the price of cotton must first help the factory get rid of its goods at some profit—and the Southern manufacturers must in turn help the farmers resist the speculators on the American mar-

ket and the spinners on the European market in their efforts to depress the price of cotton. The best way for the farmer to hold the present price of cotton would be for him to go to his home town and buy his supply of cotton goods for the year. If every cotton farmer in the South would buy one bale of goods now he would please his wife and altogether this would relieve the goods market.

"Cotton is not too high and if the farmers will help we can altogether hold it up."

Mr. Tompkins' plan of present co-operation by the farmers is certainly a novel and simple one. It is as simple as daylight that the more prosperous the manufacturers are the more prosperous the farmers will be and visa versa. Both are practically engaged equally in turning out a product that the whole world buys, spinning being only a second step in the preparation of a raw material which the world buys. The profit which the farmer makes and the profit which the spinners make go alike to enrich the South. But, not only does the increase of Southern mills help the price of cotton, but the presence of the mills gives buying power to a large mass of population which must have the other things that the farmer makes. The increased buying capacity thus obtained by the farmer makes him a better customer of the mill, and so it goes, to say nothing of the prosperity that comes to the merchant, professional and other classes. Verily, the farmers and manufacturers ought to pull together.

Death of a Good Woman.

Prudence Emma, wife of George Baker, departed this life September 28th. Mrs. Baker was a patient sufferer for about three weeks. She bore her afflictions with the christian grace that becomes a christian woman and never murmured at the dispensation of God, whom she so faithfully served. She seemed to have a presentiment that her time on earth was over and was fully prepared for the death angel's visit. Mrs. Baker was born May 10th, 1828, and was therefore a little over 51 years old. She joined the church at Spring Hill thirty-six years ago and lived a consecrated life. Those who mourn the loss of a good mother, besides her husband and many friends, are the following children: D. W. L. W., R. B. D. S. D. A. and F. C. Baker and Mesdames W. L. Rape, R. Pyle, G. V. Rape and Misses Lou E., Myrtle C. and T. V. Baker. Mr. Baker asked me to say that he very sincerely appreciates the many kind deeds of the neighbors during his wife's illness and prays that God's blessings may rest upon them all.

Mr. Lee Byrd, who has been improving slowly has suffered a relapse and is again quite sick.

Miss Cora Laney leaves this week to take up school the 18th near Chesterfield, S. C.

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Fine Session of Association.

The 35th annual session of the Union Baptist Association met with the Marshville church last Thursday. The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. M. L. Kessler, manager of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomsville. The hospitality of pastor A. Marsh and his church was boundless. Mr. J. W. Ravens was elected moderator. He makes an efficient officer and carries the honor very humbly and gracefully. Mr. R. H. Griffin was elected clerk to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. W. T. Baucom, and Mr. F. B. Ashcraft was retained as treasurer.

The attendance and representation was above the average. The different objects of the convention were ably discussed by pastors and laymen.

Rev. M. L. Kessler presented the claims of the Orphanage Thursday night and his effort was much complimented. Friday was mission day and Rev. I. Johnson, Secretary of the State Convention, was the principal speaker and he was at his best and the Association increased its pledges.

The subject of education had a good day Saturday. Rev. D. M. Austin and others made effective speeches which were followed by Dr. R. T. Vann, president of Meredith College, who was warmly welcomed and sustained his reputation well.

The contributions for education the past year were far above those of the previous year.

Rev. J. S. Farmer looked after the interest of the Biblical Recorder and John F. Ray of Raleigh after the deaf and dumb.

All visitors were received cordially. The business sessions of the body closed Saturday by singing "Blest be the Tie." The sessions were characterized by deep spirituality and attendants were inspired and revived.

Thus closed one of the best, if not the best, sessions of this body. The next session goes to Mt. Harmony, Rev. M. D. L. Preslar to preach the introductory sermon.

Dr. Vann preached to a packed house on Sunday. He spoke with power and was heard gladly.

BIG CIRCUS AT CHARLOTTE.

Barnum & Bailey to Exhibit There on Tuesday, October 26.

The Barnum & Bailey greatest show on earth is to visit Charlotte on October 26. Never since the beginning of time has an amusement enterprise so tremendous in size been organized as this one. Its magnitude is almost beyond belief. All America, together with every foreign country, has been scoured from end to end by agents of this big show in search of novelties and the result is a performance brim full of sensational acts new to the circus world. In the big Barnum & Bailey show are nearly 400 arena stars, most of whom are seen now for the first time. A new sensation will be seen at every performance in "Jupiter, the balloon horse." This remarkable animal with its fearless rider ascends to the dome of the circus tent in a balloon and descends to the ground in a shower of fireworks. Nearly 1,000 animal wonders are to be found in the big 108 cage menagerie, 8 herds of elephants, including one herd that actually plays upon musical instruments in time and tune. A group of giant giraffes, monster trained hippopotamus, only living bi-horned rhinoceros and hundreds of other strange beasts. Barnum & Bailey's big, new, free street parade is the most gorgeous processional display ever attempted in history of circus business. Its tremendous size and wonderful length can only be believed in the actual seeing. It is natural to expect this big circus to lead all others in quality and quantity of its street spectacle as well as in other departments of the big show, yet never in its splendid history of nearly half a century has it displayed such extravagance as is shown this year.

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