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Editors and Good Roads.

A resolution adopted at the press convention in Lenoir should be printed in every editorial page of the state, and become the keynote to the coming year's campaign for progress. The resolution was introduced by the Editor of Southern Good Roads, received a chorus of seconds and was adopted by a unanimous vote. It reads as follows:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this association that the best use that can be made of the state's convicts is in the construction and maintaining of public roads, provided their use does not interfere with the present system of working county convicts on the public roads.

Resolved, That we, appreciating the need of engineering assistance to counties in the construction of their public roads, do most thoroughly endorse the furnishing of such engineering assistance to the counties.

Resolved, That we most heartily endorse federal aid to the states in public road construction and do herewith urge our senators and members of congress to give their earnest and serious consideration to legislation, such as the Simmons bill, looking toward federal aid to states in the construction and maintenance of the public highways.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this association that the state should appropriate out of the general treasury for the construction and maintenance of the public highways of the state the sum of \$1,000,000 annually.

The foregoing contains the germ of genuine reform. The people will have to speak in loud tones before the legislators can hear them. We believe a vast majority of those who have studied the situation will favor putting the state's convicts on the public roads instead of working them on farms in competition with honest labor; and we believe the returns would be far greater to the state in the end.

The politician and most of the office seekers will tell you that the state penitentiary should not be molested in its farming operations—that it is a paying proposition, making a neat balance every year that goes into the treasury and that to that extent, the taxpayers are relieved. But we believe that, if the state convicts were put to work constructing public highways through the counties, the results in actual cash would soon be far greater than the net, or gross, earnings from the state farms. There is nothing that creates and stimulates property values equal to good roads.

Then the value and importance of having competent engineering assistance in laying out roads in their construction is too apparent to admit of argument among men who have had experience in building roads.

The question of federal aid is beginning to loom quite large, but it is in the future. It can not be expected until the state is doing something substantial in the way of helping itself.

We heartily favor the appropriation of as large a sum as is possible, by the state, for the construction of good roads, and the levying of a special tax for the purpose, believing that no other investment can bring as large and quick returns. We hope to see our brethren of the press get busy and push all along the line.—Greensboro Daily News.

A Peek Into His Pocket

would show the box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve that E. S. Loper, a carpenter, of Marilla, N. Y. always carries. "I have never had a cut, wound, bruise, or sore it would not soon heal," he writes. Greatest healer of burns, boils, scalds, chapped hands and lips, fever-sores, skin-eruptions, eczema, corns, and piles. 25c. at C. C. Sanford's.

Trundling a Wheelbarrow From Atlanta to New York.

Union Republican.
Frank Orr, of Charlotte, who is rolling a wheelbarrow from Atlanta to New York on a big wager, spent a night in the city, the past week, stopping at the Zinzendorf. Up to this time he has averaged a little more than 20 miles per day. With fair weather he hopes to increase his speed to 25 or 30 miles per day. If he reaches New York within the time limit he is to receive a bunch of money and the Atlanta man who put up the wager is also to roll the wheelbarrow back to Atlanta. Mr. Orr is traveling over the National Highway. He left here for Madison, N. C.

Speaking of Mr. Orr and his journey, the Monroe Enquirer thus soliloquizes and with a good deal of truth.

"Mr. Frank Orr, of Charlotte, is pushing a wheelbarrow. That's a news item in the Charlotte Chronicle. Thousands of other men all over the land are pushing wheelbarrows, some of them steady on the job and others now and then. To get your name in the papers in connection with wheelbarrow pushing you must not take one of them out in the barn and use it, haul dirt in it or do any of those ordinary useful stunts with it. But if you will do like Mr. F. Orr, of Charlotte, is doing you will get your name in the papers for he left Charlotte for New York City last Monday afternoon pushing a wheelbarrow and he is under contract to push it all the way. By doing that stunt Mr. Orr will get his name in the papers all along the route. Somehow or other we have a more friendly feeling for the fellow who is between the handles of a wheelbarrow pushing it in and out of the barn or rolling dirt in it than we have for the cross country wheelbarrow pusher. Perhaps it is because we have played the part of the home barrow pusher so much that makes us have that fellow-feeling for the plain, stay-at-home manipulator of the unfilled farm wheel barrow."

Good Roads.

Notwithstanding the new interest manifested in good roads there are comparatively few people who realize what a tremendous advantage a system of good roads gives over bad roads. Director Page of the United States Public Roads Office calculates that if every state would improve its main highways to the highest point of efficiency it would result in the saving of between \$500,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000 annually in the United States. It is estimated that this enormous saving could be affected if only twenty percent of the existing roads were thoroughly improved. There are now about 2,150,000 miles of road. Two hundred thousand, or about nine per cent are improved in some manner. To bring the number of miles up to twenty per cent it will be necessary to improve about 250,000 more miles. While this task may seem stupendous it is estimated that it can be accomplished by a probable average expenditure of \$7,000 a mile, or \$1,750,000,000 for a fairly complete system.

When it comes to the improvement of roads, there should not be neglected the importance of maintaining the roads in good order, and in this matter attention should be given to the regulation of the tires of vehicles. Narrow ties cut up a road and for the better protection of roads it would be well to do with the wheels as with the roadbed.

Right in your busiest season when you have the least time to spare you are most likely to take diarrhoea and lose several days' time, unless you have Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy at hand and take a dose on the first appearance of the disease. For sale by all dealers.

Pointed Paragraphs.

Raleigh Caucasian.
Since they have stopped the sale of near-beer some may feel constrained to drink the real article.

Now, who is in control of Democracy? Bryan has shown his teeth and Kern has shown his whiskers. The Raleigh Evening Times is trying to boost the Harmon boom in this State. But the boom won't boost.

It might prove interesting reading if the Democratic politicians would explain why all the Democratic counties are in debt.

An exchange is advertising for a Democrat who has never been known to kick. Our contemporary is wasting some valuable advertising space.

One of the editors of the Catawba County News claims to have eaten eighteen slices of pie at one sitting. But it will be remembered that the aforesaid editor is a Democrat.

William J. Bryan says the Democratic House is giving the people only a half a loaf. If the Democrats should get control of the Senate also, many of the people would not get any bread at all.

The Democratic politicians are trying to hit the farmer "going and coming." They would pass laws that would reduce the price he would receive for his products, and at the same time are raising his taxes to take from him still more of his money.

Webster's Weekly says that the seventeen-year locusts have a "W" on their wings this year, which, being interpreted, means "Woodrow Wilson." Well, one good feature about the pest is, that it will leave us again this fall and will be dormant for another seventeen years.

Back to the South.

Nothing illustrates the enterprise of the South more than that activity of its boards of trade, its railway industrial bureaus and other such organizations created to show the enormous business advantages that are open in that part of the Union. It is well known that no other part of civilization has made greater progress in the last 20 years than that which in a generally way called the South.

The revelation of its wealth and resources, the experience of its usual delightful climate, the variety of soil, the treasures of iron and coal as well as of other minerals, have become known, to the effect that by the coldest of figures, the South has made greater gain than any other equal area of territory in the range of civilization.

The special points made by many of the articles sent out is that Southern people who have been elsewhere are coming back South because they find there attractions which long lay unnoticed and they are also bringing back with them many others from all parts of the country, introducing a greatly needed capital and labor to develop the measureless resources of that splendid land.—Buffalo (N. Y.) News.

Barn and Wheat Crop Burned.

The barn of Mrs. M. E. Gaither, of the Harmony community, was totally destroyed by fire Saturday night and about 350 bushels of grain stored in the barn was burned along with it. The loss is about \$800 with no insurance. The fire was discovered about 9 o'clock by Mrs. Gaither, who immediately gave the alarm and the men about the place reached the building in time to save the live stock and vehicles. The fire is supposed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion. The teamsters had just finished hauling the wheat and out from the fields and at the point where the fire started wheat had been stored in a stable from the ground to the roof of the building.—Landmark, 11th.

Farmer's Union Hymn.

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from poor labor's veins,
Farmers plunge beneath that flood,
Lose all their labor gains.
The thieving trusts rejoice to see
Their union in its day,
And there may I, though vile as he,
Unite to make it pay.
Dear toiling lambs, your precious blood
Shall never cease to flow.
Till all the robbed that hop the clod,
Unite their power to show.
Then in a nobler, sweeter strain
We'll sing their power to save,
When he that plants and reaps the grain
No more shall be a slave.
Come, farmers all, let us unite
To form one solid band,
Among our selves no more to fight—
There's union in the land.
Let's brothers be, together pull;
In union we are strong.
Our bins, our barns, our dens are full;
Don't sell them for a song.
As business men we'll fix the price
On what we have to sell;
Get what we earn; won't that be nice?
Let gamblers go to hell.
Co-operation is the theme
That sounds our slogan cry;
Co operation is my theme,
And shall be till I die.

—Swiped.

Murder Unpunished.

Union Republican.
The United States is becoming notable in an uneivable way on account of extreme disregard of human life. Out of scores of homicides, the extreme penalty is paid once. In the other cases, the prosecution, none too vigorous at best is worn out and discouraged by delays, reversals, etc.,—all over patry and immaterial, technicalities. And, he who take the life of his fellowmen emerges from the trial, poorer in purse, but otherwise unhurt.—Uplift.
[It is the same old story. Legal technicalities keeps many a fellow from getting justice and especially if the criminal has influence and money sufficient to employ counsel. It doesn't take long for a poor white man or negro to get his dues. And while it is deserving it is no more so than with his more favored partner in crime.]

Two Drastic Liquor Bills in Congress.

Two bills aimed at the traffic in intoxications into "dry" States from other States were introduced in Congress Friday by Representative Roddenberry, of Georgia. One of them would prohibit the use of the "mails for the purpose of adverse intoxicating liquors in communities where State or local laws forbid the sale of such liquors." The other bill would make it unlawful "to collect or receipt for a special tax for carrying on wholesale or retail liquor business in States where the laws forbid the sale of intoxicants."—Ex.

Turnpike From Black Mountain to Mt. Mitchell.

The Black Mountain and Mount Mitchell Turnpike Development Co. of Black Mountain, Buncombe county, is chartered with \$50,000 capital for constructing a turnpike from Black Mountain and Montreat along the top of Walkertown ridge to Greybeard pinnacle and as near the top of Potato top as practical, up Clingman's peak and thence on to Mitchell's peak in Yancey county. The company has the power to operate a variety of development schemes as well as to charge toll and operate automobile and carriage lines.—Ex.

Young Man Violently Insane.

Hugh Barnard, son of Mr. J. A. Barnard, of Eagle Mills township, aged about 20 years, was taken to Morganton Saturday night by Sheriff Deaton. He had been desperately insane since Wednesday and at the request of his people Sheriff Deaton brought him to Statesville in his automobile Saturday evening and took him on to Morganton that night.—Statesville Landmark.

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