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THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1903.

GOOD ROADS SOME MORE.

The question that should be of most vital interest to all classes cussion by declaring in postive terms of citizens of this county is that of securing a good system of roads certainty of his death, most of the acand public highways. There is counts, the disputants say, while no doubt that good roads in syntax, have always slurred over some any county is a sure indication of the more important facts regarding of improvement and business progress, which can never fail to in a barn on Garrett's farm in Virginia. carry conviction to the minds of And then again it has been pointed out outsiders. It is a known fact examination of the body, positive proof that those counties that have for had been furnished as to the identity of themselves a road law, are those bore certain marks which helped to that have reached the highest prove that the real assassin had met stage of material development. justice. Good roads not only increase the to take outh that Booth escaped the hand lieved they had killed the assassin. No business interests of a communi- of justice. She declares that she was graver mistake is recorded in history, ty, but they directly enhance the with him during his flight from Havana and some day some one who knows the value of real estate by a notable which she declares John Wilkes Booth an awful sham that hunt was. The this blessing you find high priced lands.

a road law-one that will enable saying: "Take this as a remembrance of little singer of his left hand, it being too our farmers to carry six bales of me whom you have so greatly befriend- small to be worn on any other finger. cotton as easily as they can carry that will make its demands upon both the property and non-prop- ness of my story. John Wilkes Booth only too glad to help Booth to get away. erty holders, and that will also escabed quickly and safely from Wash- "We kept the Mary Porter at Nassau enable us to retain our own con- home of his ancestors, and he lived there time we left the port of the Bahamas ly way of doing this is by a legal- alive to-day, but I believe he died about on a sailing vessel bound for London, ly instituted chain gang and by known only to a few, and so persistent arriving in England lost himself in Lonzens of the county. We ask if

the truth that such a system at Havana, Cuba, and for many days act was committed we were glad to help would cost the county some money; but on the other hand we left us at Nassau. feel assured that the benefit the cost. The present road law were both native Northerners, our sym- New Orleans where Captain Haggett in some portions well nigh imessary to convince the people of the acquaintance of John Wilkes and Ed- most part in New York City. He had this naked truth.

the length of time when every ecunty in the western portion of fortune off the salt and merchandise we who will credit the woman's story. This the State will work their own took into the Southern port. At the she says herself, but nevertheless, avers convicts. Now the thing for us the Mary Porter to Tampico Mexico, and to do is to get our law first and were there loading a light cargo with obtain the convicts for our roads the intention of visiting the Gulf coast from adjoining counties before "Until the Chicago fire I preserved they get theirs. The opportunity the ship's log and all the memoranthe measure? We should be glad house that stood at No. 110 Michigan to hear from them on the subject. destroyed too, perhaps, had not my to the difference between profit

nomination of a United States word of the assassination of the Presi Senator, balloted again Tuesday dent. ing at 4 o'clock when the ballotyet been no nomination and the parture Captain Haggett said that he make habitation along them most sixth ballot Tuesday night result- "Before coming aboard the ship he and fare in transportation of son 37, Craig 27, Carr 18, Alex-

longs to no man yet."

per year, always in advance.

cape from Washington.

Was John Wilkes Booth the, assassin of President Abraham Lincoln, shot by blockade runner plying between Southhis pursurers as history relates, or did he ern ports and the West Indies. After a succeed in escaping and hide for years captain, and who declares that Booth until Le met and recognized Captain was never killed and who holds that the mysterious account of his alleged death and burial is an attempt to hide a blunder on the part of the parsuring party. This woman, Mrs. Maggie Crist, is a widow, and was formerly Mrs. Haggett, the wife of the captain of a coasting vessel. She claims that she knew John Wilkes Booth, and that her husband, Captain Haggett, aided the assassin in escaping by carrying him from Havana, Cuba, to Nassau, New Providence, three months after the assassination of the great emancipator. This woman made Booth tell of the first days of the flight from Washington.

There have been many persons who have declared that Booth had escaped from the country. The controversy has been opened several times, and as often some of the members silenced the disthat they saw the assassin shot and prepared for burial. Yet to add to the unstraightforward and positive enough in the flight and the identification of the man shot by Sergeant Boston Corbet in a number of instances that after the it. It was claimed that the remains

to Nassau, and she owns a diamond ring exact truth may speak out and tell what increase, and where ever you find gave her when he left Captain Haggett's man who knew it was not Booth told vessel. This ring which shows the ef- me so when he learned that I had myfeet of long wearing, is engraved with self seen Booth three months later. the initials "J. W. B." Mrs. Crist "It was at Nassau on board the Mary claims that Booth took this ring from Porter that John Wilkes Booth gave me We people of Rutherford need his little finger and handed it to her, this ring. He was wearing it on the

"Persons have called me mad for say- moved the ring from his finger and two at present. We want a law ing that John Wilkes Booth gave me handed it to me. He had no money this ring." says Mrs. Crist, "but I am and my husband told him repeatedly willing to take oath as to the truthful- that he would accept nothing, as he was ington and returned to England, the for some time and about the time the victs on our own roads. The on- unidentified for years. He may be Booth and his companion found passage a special road tax upon the citi. is the belief that he wat killed that not don. Six years ago I heard in a vague

the citizens would ratify such a "My former husband, Captain Thomas really is dead or living to-day I person-Haggett, was a friend of the Booths nally do not know, but I do know that and he aided John Wilkes Booth to es. he was never killed. I was not glad We do not attempt to disguise cape to England. He picked Booth up tha Booth killed Lincoln, but once the we were together. He was accompa. the man who committed the deed to get nied by a Captain Symmes and the two away. I am proud of the fact that he

"Captain Haggett and I were married | we helped him to a place of security." in 1849 in New York city. He was at that | Captain Haggett and wife went to would be commensurate with the time a sca captain, and, although we Chicago in 1868, and later moved to pathies were with the South during all died. In 1879 Mrs. Haggett was maris ineffectual as every one knows, the slavery agitation. When the war ried to J. C. Crist., who died eight years and that because the county offi- broke out we owned a three-master ago. Since then she resided in Beloit, cials charged with its execution schooner, the Mary Porter. We pur- Wis., and Chicago. She has traveled chased our own cargoes and engaged in over a large portion of the world on the fail in discharging their trust. a coasting trade or made voyages to the Mary Porter, which was a tramp ship. The roads are now neglected, and West Indies and to England. Part of Several times Captain Haggett left the the time when not at sea we lived in sea and lived in San Francisco, New Or-New Orleans and in New York, and in leans and the cities of the West Indies. passable, and no argument is nec- the latter city Captain Haggett made Before the civil war he lived for the

"Our boat was a sort of a rover. Wa Again, it is only a question of carried a crew of eight and were forced to run the blockade during the war. This we did successfully and made a ports and nutimately reaching Havana.

do of the trip from Tampico to Havaroads. Will her citizens support and all papers were destroyed in the litical and social value. avenue, and this ring would have been and bad roads is often equivalent daughter been wearing it at the time, and loss. OVERMAN LEADS IN RACE FOR Owing to the destruction of the records Chas. Summer once said, "The Tampico soon after we had received vancing civilization.'

night, making sexenteen in all "It was almost, if not quite three tend to beautify the country months later that we entered Havana through which they pass. that have been taken, and then harbor We remained there for some Bad roads constitute the greatadjourned untill yesterday even- time, discharging part of our cargo and est drawback to rural life and for taking on other merchandise. We de-the lack of roads the farmers suf termined to set sail for Nassau, and one | fer more than any other class. ing was resumed. There has as evening several days prior to our de- Good roads, like good streets,

ed as follows: Overman 46, Wat- told Captain Haggett how he reached products, reduce wear and tear Havana. He said that he escaped from on horses, harness and vehicles Washington on horse-back, and that he and enhance the market value of ander 11, Hammer 1. Total 135. journeyed southward through part of real estate. A private letter to The Tribune Maryland, and finally crossed into Vir- Life on a farm often becomes ginia. Overland, aided by Confederate isolated and barren of social enfrom Raleigh, dated Tuesday, sympathizers, he made his way to Sa- joyment and pleasures, and counsays "that the nomination be- vanah, Ga. He said he had planned to try people in some communities escape from that port, but in case it suffer such great disadvantages would be impossible he had planned to that ambition is checked, energy Subscribe for THE TRIBUNE, only continue on to New Mexico. He said weakened and industry parahe never doubted for a moment that he lyzed.

BOOTH'S SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT. | would not get safely out of the country, and that when he got a safe distance A Chicago Woman Tells of His Es- from the capital he was never pressed.

"He remained in Savannah for some time, and eventually got passage on a round-about cruise this vessel landed in London? . There lives in Chicago a him at Havana. He did not disclose woman who was once the wife of a sea his identity while in the Cuban capital

"In his anxiety to get from Havana to some other port where he could get passage for England Booth haunted the wharves and learned the nature and destination of every vessel that came into the port. One day when Captain Haggett was on shore Booth approached him, made himself known and asked whither the Mary Porter was bound When told that the vessel was to be taken to Nassau Booth asked if he might make the voyage and take a friend with him. Booth was promised passage and the trip, too, and declares that she heard the day the boat set sail he was on

"At Nassau there were a good many English people and a large number of Confederate sympathizers. They knew the nature of the Mary Porter, but no one knew of the two passengers we landed there that one was the slayer of

"Booth told us during the voyage that Dr. Samuel Mudd, who was later sentenced to life imprisonment on the Dry Torgugas Island, had cared for him without knowing that he was the assassin. When the pursuing party showed Dr. Mudd a photograph of Booth, the doctor was unable to identify it as the man he had treated, and some have claimed that it was not Booth who was treated, but I heard Booth himself say it was he. Despite the records of his story that was the last trace they ever had of the man, and I have been told by one member of the pursning party that he knew it was Booth who had been shot. This man told me another member of the party had threatened to shoot him if he ever said it was not Booth, for Mrs. Crist declares that she is ready most of the members of the party be-

As I was bidding him good-bye he re-

six years ago. His successful fight was He left Nassau on the ship, and upon many are ready to believe that he ever sort of a way that he had just died, known only to a few. Whether he

> an extensive acquaintance among the stage folks at that period, and the Booths

made a voyage in our vessel, and that

were among his closest friends. Owing to the fact that history so squarely points out that Booth was time Lincoln was killed we had taken that she knows what she is talking about.-Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Good Roads.

An exchange gives the following valuable points on good roads. Good roads have a money valis ripe for Rutherford to help her na and thence to Nassau. The log ue to the farmer as well as a po-

The difference between good

of the trip I am unable to give the ex- road and schoolmaster are the The Democratic caucus for the act dates, but I know we sailed from two most important agents in ad-Good roads raise the value of

farm land and farm products, and

had not killed the President instantly. | desirable; they economize time

HOROR ROLL.

Pupils of the Graded School Who Stand High in Classes.

Honor Roll for school month ending December 25th. FIRST GRADE.

Lloyd Bell Annie Craton, Marie Reid, Essie Rudasill, George Mills, Frank Mills, Fred Williams, Mamie Williams.

SECOND GRADE. Joe Erwin, Leslie Taylor, Claud Miller, Max Ramsey, Eddie Hodge, Fannie Washburn, Lollie Smith, Maude Hester. Grady Jones, Nannie Wilkins. Annie Rucker, Mac McDaniel.

THIRD GRADE. Guy Reid. Robert Taylor, Charles Walker, Lewis Powers, Ocie Biggerstaff, Ola Callahan, Mary Dickerson, Effie Morrow, Enos Ramsey, Annie Phillips, Etta Powers, Roger Walker.

FOURTH GRADE. Maud Bell, Ellen Erwin, Alda Grayson, Lollie Harris, Fannie Justice, Bessie McFarland, Annie McBrayer, Caudis Rayburn,

FIFTH GRADE. Lola Rayburn, Ollie Bell.

SIXTR GRADE. Kathleen Harris, Nannie Morgan, Mary Biggers aff, Bruna Biggerstaff, Nellie McBrayer, Ulyses Hester, Nora McDaniel, Elmer Dorsey, Evie Rucker.

SEVENTH GRADE. Maud Onthrie, Eloise Griffin,

Ruskin Morgan, Mal Jones, Bremon Quinn, Willard Powers, McGilvery Miller, Harb McDaniel.

BROAD RIVER HAPPENINGS.

A Pleasant Sociable -- Hunting In S. C -- Mr. Potter Moves.

Correspondent, THE TRIBUNE. LINE, January 13 .- Rev. L. Ezell, the supply at Arrowwod church, made his first visit on Saturday. Owing to the unfavorable weather Sanday he failed to be on hand.

Mr. Claude Crawford and wife were visitors at Mr. W. C. McKinneys' Sun-

The Misses Butler, of Forest City, visited their friends, Misses Nona and Luna Painter Saturday and the sociable given in honor of the visitors, at the home of Mr. W. Painter was "pleasure." Constable P. J. Manley has been called on to officiate in his new office several times within the past week and regardless of the cold nights, the parties he invites, accompany him to 'Squire McKinneys.

Miss Carrie McKinney is visiting relatives in Spartadburg, S, C. Messrs. V. E. McKinney, and W. K. McDowell went to South Carolina bird hunting last week. The report is ' suc

cessful." Mr. A. Potter has moved to his new home at the Tanner place.

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and LESTER MCMAHAN. M. L. Edwards, Attorney.

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SOMETHING TRUE.

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Don' wait until the Winter is gone to get you Winter Clothes and Overcoats, thinking you may save a few cuts by so doing. THERE IS NO ECONOMY IN FREEZING YOURSELF TO DEATH in Winter wearing your Summer Suit and when next Summer comes burn yourself up wearing your Winter Suit.

Common Sense Ought to Teach You

to keep yourself comfortable, by wearing Winter Suits in Winter and Summer Suits in Summer. I WANT TO DRESS YOU UP FOR CHRISTMAS from top to bottom, new HAT, SHIRT, TIE, SUIF, SHOES, ETC.

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