

**THE HEADLIGHT.**

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**County Democratic Ticket.**

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THOMAS L. COVINGTON.
- For Sheriff,  
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- For Treasurer,  
D. M. MORRISON.
- For Coroner,  
DANIEL GAY.
- For Commissioners,  
A. T. WHITE,  
J. W. COVINGTON,  
H. S. LEBBETTER,  
W. M. COVINGTON,  
JUNIOUS F. DIGGS.

Hon. J. Preston Gibson, of Bennettsville, has been re-elected to the House of Representatives from Marlboro county. No better selection could have been made, and we venture to say, no other county will have an abler representative in the General Assembly of the State.

**"Good Roads Make Great Nations."**

Such is the heading of a very able article published last week. Its author is Congressman W. P. Brownlow, of Tennessee, who discusses the question of good roads with clearness and ability. The Commonwealth perhaps more than a year ago, printed a number of articles about government aid to public roads, in which it was claimed that the government can as well aid the public highways on land as well as on water. Congressman Brownlow says that the entire constitutionality of the government aid to public roads is now almost universally admitted, and he argues well the justice of such a movement. He says it is the greatest and most important question before the people and before the government. The farmers of the country pay more than half the taxes and receive no direct consideration at the hands of the government. While the farmer might be the first to be directly benefited by the making of good roads by the government, he would by no means be the only one benefited. Mr. Brownlow points out the industrial, educational and moral advantages to be derived from good roads. When the farmer, who is the mainstay of the world, prospers, all others will prosper accordingly. Good roads make it possible for the farmer to realize a large per cent. more for the products of his farm. The rural schools are the seats of learning whence

come the best and truest men for every phase and station and calling in life. Good roads will do more towards making splendid possibilities in the country districts than any other one interest. Take away the wholesome and moral influences of the country churches, and you strike a blow at moral progress and development. Good roads are one of the greatest conveniences for the rural population to get to church on the Sabbath. Congressman Brownlow says that the present congress can do much for the relief of the people throughout the country if only the members of that body will take a serious view of the matter and go to work. He closes his very able paper by asking the question, "Will the people let their senators and representatives sleep upon a bill which provides for their paramount needs?" He clinches the whole matter in the last sentence by declaring that, "without the demand from the people congress will not act."—Ex.

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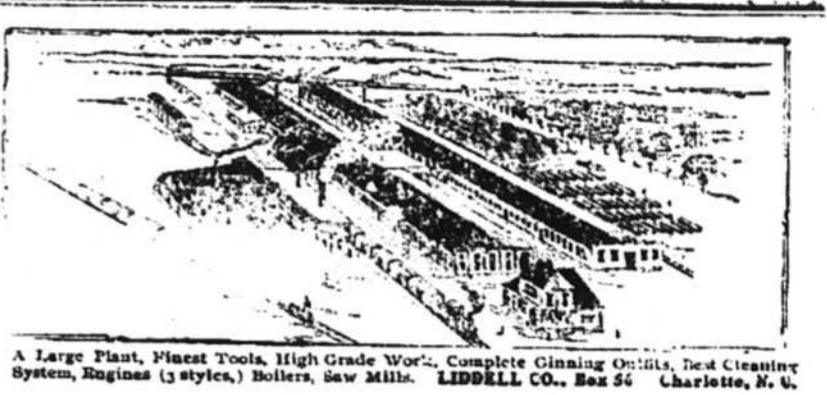


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