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A New Road Material.
Good roads is always an entertaining subject. How to construct them and of what material likewise interesting. Many substitutes for macadam have been offered, the latest being related in condensed form by the Charlotte Chronicle:
The Solvay Process Company, of Syracuse, proposing to do some new road work free to any county that desires it, is, perhaps, entitled to the free advertising that goes with its offer. It sends us a copy of a communication which it has addressed to road builders all over the country, asking for the privilege of laying sample stretches of its good roads, at its own expense. Its road material is known as "Solvay Granulated Calcium Chloride" and the claims made for it are: It extracts water from the air to dampen and lay the dust; it retains this moisture and keeps the dust laid for a long period of time; it cements the surface of the road and protects it from wear; it retains and blends thoroughly with the road material, enough rain water to coat the road with a new, smooth surface when the rain dries away; it has a high sanitary value by preventing the formation of dust, which is a conveyor of disease, and it is cheaper than either water or oil and produces better results without any of the inconvenience attendant upon the use of either. All new things these days are worth investigating, and as this company is so sure that it has a good thing to offer to demonstrate it free of cost, there would seem to be no reason why it should not be invited to come along and give a proof of its claims.
Most men are willing to be given something for nothing, why not counties? Let the company come alone and make a demonstration and if the sample will stand up for a year under heavy traffic may be a contract can be had even in this county of good roads.

What Fertilizer Ignorance Cost Us.
According to the latest obtainable statistics, the farmers of six contiguous Southern States—Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, the Carolinas, and Virginia—spend over \$50,000,000 a year for commercial fertilizers. The total public school fund of these States amount to \$11,000,000.
And of the \$50,000,000 paid for fertilizers, it is not too much to say that over \$11,000,000 is wasted through ignorance of crop and soil need.
In other words, our ignorance tax on the one single, solitary item of commercial fertilizers alone is more than the total amount we are spending on public schools for increasing the intelligence of our children!
If the \$50,000,000 spent by these States is profitable now, reasonable knowledge of fertilizer facts would make it twice as profitable. Or to put it differently: reasonably careful study of soil needs, crop needs, the functions of different fertilizing elements, etc., etc., would add \$50,000,000 a year to the profits of our Southern farmers.
And \$50,000,000 a year properly expended in bond issues, as interest and sinking fund, would put an eight months' centralized graded school within reach of every farm boy and girl in these States would put a macadam road in these States, and would carry on a campaign against tuberculosis, typhoid fever, malaria and hookworm diseases that would probably increase by one-fifth the average length of human life.
How fearful the waste of ignorance on one despised commodity!—*Progressive Farmer and Gazette.*

Interested in Cotton Production.
Besides contributing liberally to the prize-fund of the Boys' Corn Club, Mr. George N. Blissett of The Arrington Blissett Co., is desirous of seeing some record-smashing in the production of cotton and announces that he will give a cash prize of \$50,000 to the farmers in the Nashville district who produce the greatest amount of cotton on five acres. Contestants for this prize will apply to Mr. Blissett for particulars to restrictions and brand of fertilizers to be used.
Dr. T. T. Ross also offers a prize of \$250 to the person making the greatest yield of tomatoes on one acre.

SHOULD GET OUT OF RUT.
Cotton Honey Goes West For What We Can Make.
I was rather amused at the wall sent up recent by the Winston-Salem Journal over the fact that forty-nine people had gone West to try their fortunes or misfortunes at farming in the land of golden sunset. The Journal, in common with the rest of North Carolina people, who desire to see the Southland forge ahead, rightfully asks "Why not apply the same up-to-date methods of farming here that are applied in the great Northwest?"
Our methods are indeed antediluvian, and there should be a revolution along certain lines. To this end the writer wishes to call the attention of the "News Observer" to the part it can take as a State medium in this great change necessary to the weal of the grand old North State.
Recently your paper made a great hit in keeping "The Girl from Rector's" out of Raleigh. Your columns fairly teemed with pride over the feat! Now then, add a few more laurels by driving out of the whole State a few pernicious evils—while not contaminating the morals of the Commonwealth, but on the other hand are affecting the financial and prosperous growth of the State.
First, the pernicious homestead law in its present form.
Second, the outrageous mortgage or lien practices of what we term "time stores." These are two factors that are at work holding the agricultural interests of North Carolina to the grindstone.
The farmer who is content to raise what he terms a "money crop" and fails to attempt to raise his own home necessities is disloyal to himself, to his family and to the State of North Carolina. Follow the route of the traveling salesman in season and out of season, behold the North Carolina farmer wending his way home from town with corn, hay, meat, lard—the products of the Western farmer—and bought at a time store then you have a solution of the question "Why is the West prosperous?" We, the tenants of as good land as there is on God's green earth, are paying into the coffers of the West the profits of our money crop-cotton. While the Western farmers are buying automobiles; we are placing a lien on our very souls, to "be paid out of next year's crop" to purchase the necessities of life, and fertilizers to enrich our soil, which should be strengthened by cattle "upon a thousand hills."
The acreage of cotton will be large this year because of high prices last year. This "time merchants" are unloading mules, buggies, harness and fertilizers in unusually large quantities in "anticipation"—the same old methods are in vogue—the very essentials, home supplies, will be neglected—then what? If the various cotton States have a large yield, some of these "poor, downtrodden farmers," yes a host of them, will "hit the ceiling so high" they will never return.
This is not the cry of a pessimist, but the cry of one who long ago has tired of seeing our people driving in the same "old rut." The press of North Carolina, headed by the intrepid Daniels, can have no greater honor than to bring the Tar Heels back to "hog and hominy." Continue to raise cotton, continue to help the tobacco trust to flourish, but how long! oh! how long, before we can bear the squeal of the porker—and look upon the fields of grain "white unto harvest"—*Len Philips, in News & Observer.*

New Court House For Pitt.
Greenville March 10.—The Pitt County Board of Commissioners, at the meeting this week gave the matter of building a new courthouse earnest consideration. After examining plans and illustrations of architects present, the board decided to set another day later in the month to consider the matter more fully. In the meantime a committee of the board will visit some other counties that have lately erected new courthouses with a view of inspecting these and better arriving at the needs of the county generally at heart and desire to do the very best thing and they will build a court house and all that will be creditable to the county.

DON'T WANT ANY MORE MONEY.
Carnegie Says He Could Have Made An Extra Fifty Million.
San Francisco Cal; March 12.—I could have made an extra \$50,000,000 during the money panic in New York if I had wanted to. But what would have been the use? I did not want an extra \$50,000,000. What could I have done with it would only have added to the burden I already had. I did not want the money so I refused the opportunity to "make it."
Andrew Carnegie today thus explained how he regards the wealth he has and emphatically showed that he wanted no more money than he is already possessed of.
"Great wealth," he said, "has burdens few appreciate. The disposition of millions is an exacting task and it becomes the more so as modern life becomes more complex."
Aldrich, the Accuser.
Senator Aldrich's arraignment of his party for extravagance and waste to the enormous extent of \$300,000,000 in yearly administrations is the topic of first interest in the national capital and will doubtless continue such for a long time to come. In fact the confession of one of the triumvirate—Aldrich, Cannon and Payne—that rules the party in Congress promises to divide public attention with the tariff in the election of this year. It is nothing that Senator Aldrich has participated in an extravagance that has increased in diabolical proportions until within a brief time billion dollar Congresses have become billion dollar sessions. The responsibility is with his party.
While Senator Aldrich have yet descended to particulars in his indictment of his party's profligacy in expenditure, they are within easy reach of all the people who bear the heavy burdens of government which Republican rule has entailed on them. In 1890 the total appropriations for government were \$340,000,000 and the appropriations for one year by the late Congress were swollen to upward of \$1,100,000! The appropriations for the Army and Navy amounted to \$235,132,000 last year the "pork barrel" contains \$42,000,000 for distribution. With all the extravagance in military appropriations, the creation of new officers and sinecures and the increase of salaries have kept even pace. For detectives upward of \$7,000,000 was expended last year. In 1840 party denounced the extravagances of Van Buren's simple and economical administration and he was caricatured as fleeing from the White House, with the gold spoons dropping out of his coat pockets. The appropriations for the White House last year, including salary, traveling expenses and automobiles and carriages of the President, amounted to nearly \$330,000, and the party of imperial expenditures did not balk at it in the least.
In view of the movement of Senator Aldrich the question results whether the party that has committed all this extravagance can be intrusted with the herculean task of clearing the Augean stables. Conceding the sincere desire of President Taft to introduce economy in certain directions, the pressure of a party long steeped in extravagance is too great for him. As for Senator Aldrich, it requires a great deal of credulity to believe him capable of reforming the notorious abuses and extravagance which he denounces.—*Philadelphia Record.*

Peary Wants Whole Hog.
Syracuse, N. Y., March 10.—Matt Henson, lecturing in this city on his trip to the North Pole with Commander Robert E. Peary, tonight expressed indignation at what he termed Peary's "shabby treatment" of him since their return to this country.
"I am very much surprised at him," Henson said. "Since we landed in New York on October 9 he has not even communicated with me. After the hardships we went through together and the work I have done for him, not mentioning the number of times I actually saved his life, I think he should do more than he has. It is on account of his selfishness. He wants everything for himself, and evidently begrudges me what little success I may be having with my lectures."

Peary And His Trouble.
Commander Peary is "getting his" just now. His friends want to make him a rear admiral, retired, but the Congressional committee demands proof of his alleged discovery of the Pole. Peary has been on the rolls of the United States navy as an officer, drawing pay, during all the years that he has been seeking the north pole. The government has not paid the expense of his expeditions, but he has had the invaluable moral support of the United States in his work. He has declared that it was the proudest moment of his life when he planted the Stars and Stripes on the North Pole.
Now it is proposed that Peary be made a rear admiral in honor of his work as an explorer. The committee of Congress demands first that the proofs of the accomplishment of this exploration be submitted to the committee, representing the government, before his right to so high an honor is passed upon. Peary declines, alleging that his proofs are essential to the value of the articles for publication which he has agreed to write, and that to submit his proofs to the committee would be to violate that agreement. The publication of his articles is essential, he says, to the payment of his obligations and the support of his family.
Retirement at the rank of rear admiral will mean more than honor; it means a most substantial increase in income for the rest of his life—an increase which would suffice for the wants of the average family. Peary is willing, however, to forego this certain income and the great honor which accompanies it, in order to secure the perhaps greater amount of money from his publications.
Since the discovery of the pole has been made by the discoverer a commercial proposition, we see no reason why the government of the United States should further reward the discoverer. It is to be hoped that the proposition to retire Peary as a rear admiral will fail.—*Greensboro Record.*

Fined Sixteen Thousand.
Spartanburg, S. C., March 10.—Mayor J. B. Lee, in the police court, here today, sentenced Geo. Dearman to pay a fine of \$16,000 or serve 14 years on the city changing for violation of the liquor ordinance. Dearman's house was raided last night by the police, resulting in the capture of about 40 gallons of whisky put up in pint bottles. The mayor made a separate case for each bottle and imposed a fine of \$100 or thirty days in each case. An appeal was taken and a case will be made.

Sensational Suicide At Charlotte.
Charlotte, N. C., March 10.—Handing his wife his pocket book and ring with the remark, "I have drunk carbolic acid and am going to die," Lewis C. Baker, aged 43, a trusted attaché of the Continental Insurance Company, threw himself across the bed at his home early this morning and less than an hour later died in great agony. He was a native of Rock Hill S. C., where he was a successful mill man, coming here six years ago to engage in the insurance business.

Thomas Taylor, serving in the Atlanta federal prison a term of fifteen years for the murder in the District of Columbia of his wife, has refused to accept a pardon granted to him by President Taft.

The senate passed a bill authorizing the expenditure of \$10,000,000 for the purchase of land south of Pennsylvania avenue, Washington D. C., as sites for public buildings. There was no opposition.

President Harrington, Peoria.
The word of a prominent and respected business man should be listened to. Mr. F. M. Harrington, president of the Harrington Manufacturing Co., Peoria, Ill., writes that he was for years a constant sufferer from indigestion and constipation, which nothing seemed to relieve, and he had almost given up hope when he began to take Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, and it made a new man of him. It is absolutely guaranteed to do what is claimed, and if you want to try it before buying, send your address for a free sample bottle to Peoria Syrup Co., 119 S. Caldwell Bldg., Peoria, Ill. It is sold by all druggists at 50c, and \$1 a bottle.

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