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## GOOD—

It is not necessary to add the next word for you know what it is. We suspect that some of you are tired of this subject and are saying that our preaching will do no good, so we had as well let up on it—but we are not going to do it.

While we do not want to tire or bore any of our readers, still, good friends it is of such vital importance to you that we are quite sure one of these days you are going to see it our way and some thing will be done.

Stop, and think just for a moment. Travel towards the North and you find Halifax county, Va., building good roads; go East and Granville county has built miles of good roads, almost touching the borders of this County; to the South Durham has built more good roads than all of them and has touched our line with a macadam road, and to the West even Caswell has awakened to the fact that her prosperity depends upon good roads. In fact go in any direction from Roxboro and you will find the people interested in good roads—after you pass the Person county line.

Now, what is our position? Just this: Unless we want to see the trade which we have been enjoying for these many years slip from us we will have to give them equal facilities which will enable them to reach our markets.

The Southern Railway Co. realizes this fact, as evidenced by the Good Roads train they have sent out to every town along their line, giving lectures and showing how good roads can be built. Personal interest, you say. Of course they have, and every farmer who works for good roads has a personal interest, and if our merchants, manufacturers and real estate men do not awake to the fact that they have a personal interest they will be the losers. We call your attention to an article from Dr. W. L. Foushee as to this question and we hope every reader of this paper will read it carefully.

We must have good roads—why delay the matter.

Mr. W. S. Morton, who has just returned from Smithfield where he surveyed twenty miles of good roads and built ten miles, says this County can build good roads for less money than any County of his knowledge. The sand-clay road is the thing, and that they can be built with the present equipment for something like two hundred a mile, and for five hundred dollars a mile they can build the best most modern sand-clay roads. At these figures one hundred thousand dollars would build two hundred miles, almost enough to put a good road by every man's door. And your taxes would not be raised ten cents on the hundred dollars.

But we will not.

Have you ever seen it more neatly turned. The Washington Post says:

Oscar Underwood seems determined to press down upon the brow of Bill that crown of thorns.

We see it stated that Mr. E. J. Justice is to enter the race for Governor. What's the use?

A seaside paper says: "Tan shoes are very much worn this summer; hundreds of cottagers wear nothing else." Ain't it a shame?—Memphis News Scimitar.

## WHAT A DEMOCRATIC HOUSE HAS ACCOMPLISHED.

Washington, July 21.—"What has the House accomplished at the extra session?" Majority Leader Underwood was asked.

"A complete reformation of the House rules."

"Pressed the Canadian reciprocity trade agreement."

"A bill requiring publicity of campaign funds before election."

"A resolution providing for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people."

"A resolution authorizing the admission to the Union of Arizona and New Mexico."

"The Farmers' Free List Bill."

"A wool bill that reduces the average ad valorem duty on manufactured wools from 90 per cent to 42 1-2 per cent."

"To this list will be added a revision of the cotton schedule."

"In reforming the rules of the House we have taken from the Speaker the veto power and control over legislation, which had for years, and organized the House along Democratic lines. The rules now enable a representative to secure favorable action on a measure when he has a majority of the House with him. This is the most distinct move toward progressive reform made in long time."

"The enactment of the Canadian reciprocity treaty into law will not only give relief to the people now, but it is the entering wedge for an enlarged trade with Canada and means the expansion of our commerce."

"The bill providing for publicity of campaign funds and contributors before election will have a distinct tendency to purify our elective system."

"Our resolution providing for the direct election of Senators will pass the Senate and be ratified by the people."

"The Farmers' Free List Bill puts many of the necessities of life, such as meat, bread and shoes on the free list."

"The wool bill very greatly reduce the cost of woolen clothing to the people of the United States. The average reduction in duties is from 90 per cent. to 42 1-2 per cent., but on the cheaper commodities such as the poor people of the country use the reduction is very much greater. Some blankets have been cut from 150 per cent. to 25 per cent. The same is true of many cheaper articles of woolen goods."

"We expect to send the cotton bill to the Senate the first week in August."

"These measures demonstrate to the county the downward revision of the tariff that the Democratic party is willing to enact into law. Every schedule will receive similar treatment if the people will give the Democrats power to do so by electing a Democratic President, Senate and House of Representatives next time."

Briefly stated this is the Democratic view of the work of the House at the extra session. Mr. Underwood is in close touch with the Democrats and is not a man of many words.—Red Buck Bryant in Wilmington Star.

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