

NORTH CAROLINA GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION.

Raleigh, Feb. 2.—The North Carolina Good Roads Association has for many years advocated a State system of highways connecting county seats and principal towns; the ultimate goal being a State system of hard surfaced roads. The minimum mileage which would carry out this plan and do justice to the economic interests of every county is from 5,500 to 6,000 miles.

A system of 3,000 miles, such as is being proposed by some, would mean a selected trunk system and not a State system connecting the county seats and commercial centers. It would mean the development mainly of tourist interests and not of commercial interests. Restricted to 3,000 miles, a good many counties would be left off or given an extremely limited mileage. Who would say which counties would be favored ones? Are we going to connect all county seats or just the principal county seats? Trunk lines, of interest chiefly to tourists, may be developed from a State-wide system, but in fairness to the greater part of the State, whose interests are agricultural and commercial, they should be given secondary and not primary consideration. The people of every county have a right to just and fair consideration in the matter of mileage and not selected sections.

In the matter of money to be expended, the North Carolina Good Roads Association has made statements repeatedly that the probable ultimate cost of such a State system of high class roads would range from \$100,000,000 to possibly \$200,000,000, depending on the cost of materials and labor. The amount to be raised at the present time

is a matter of economic expediency rather than political manipulation. The great point is ultimately to build the whole system as rapidly as economically possible, to do justice to every section and every county as the system develops, and to use such materials as are needed to meet the traffic burdens of the roads.

As to maintenance: What county in North Carolina has made a noticeable success of the maintenance of its roads? The consensus of opinion of the road building authorities of the country is that county maintenance of state high ways is impossible, if efficient results are desired. It is believed that every link of the proposed system which is now constructed to the point where it can be maintained should be properly kept up by the State after it is taken over as a part of the State System, unless it can be hard surfaced. Already the State has pledged its faith to the Federal Government to maintain the roads built with Federal funds and there are over 1,000 miles of sand-clay and gravel roads of this type, many of them very excellent roads. Who would advocate "locking faith with the Federal Government"? Who would advocate the State's not taking care of detours while the State highway is under actual construction? The same principle applies to keeping the dirt or sand clay or gravel roads already constructed in a passable condition until they can be hard surfaced. This in no wise represents a waste of public funds, but will be rendering the people of North Carolina an immediate service and will serve to keep them satisfied until it is mechanically possible to reach their links of the State system with hard surface construction.

Then, too, something is due the automobilist if he is to bear the entire burden of the burden of construction and maintenance. He should be given relief in the matter of keeping open the present roads as well as suitable detours while the main highways are being constructed.

The North Carolina Good Roads Association still maintains the everlasting economic righteousness and wisdom of an ad valorem tax at least for taking care of the bonds. It may be that the bonds cannot be sold without the stability of such a tax. However, such matters remain in the hands of the Legislators to decide.

OLD MOTHER EARTH IS STILL SOUND AND SOLID.

Scores of Earthquakes Every Day. No Cause For Alarm, Says a Harvard Expert.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 3.—The epidemic of earthquakes that shook the world in recent weeks continues on a scale for general alarm, but only the growing power of the newer geologic theories is to be feared. Earth's surface is not so solid as it once was, and the present state of affairs is not so alarming as it once was, says a Harvard geologist in a paper published in the American Press.

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NOVEL WAY TO BEAT UP JOHN BARLEYCORN.

Hero of "Behold My Wife!" Has to Fight For Manhood.

A method of breaking the alcohol habit that is just as effective as the Volstead amendment is shown in "Behold My Wife!," George Melford's picture of the Canadian N. 11. west that is coming to the Gastonia Theater today and tonight.

According to the story, the youthful hero, first meeting a crude Indian girl and going for beer to England to his step-father's home, returns for the sake of his own peace of mind, proceeds to the club. He becomes a drunkard and is the subject of a gang of soft-shoed boys who victimize the hero.

But when he comes up a kid in the school of manhood still left in the hero's mind, he is drawn to the club. For once, drink the young man has to give up. He has to give up the club, and he has to give up the club.

RIOTING IN INDIA.

By The Associated Press.

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YOUNGEST STOWAWAY MYSTIFIES IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS.

The youngest stowaway that ever entered the Port of New York, is being cared for by the immigration officials at Ellis Island. She is Nina Lombardo, eight years old and arrived aboard the Italian liner Dante Alighieri. She told Commissioner Wallis, that her mother had placed her aboard the vessel at Genoa. Authorities communicated with her uncle to whom she had a letter and learned that he was willing to take care of the little stowaway. A special board of inquiry will look into Nina's case and she may be allowed to stay. The youngster is shown with Commissioner Frederick Wallis.

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HISTORY OF THE LIFE OF PETE - SPASM II - YOUTH

1 TAKE NOTICE OF HOLE IN PETE'S FATHER'S HAND, WORN THAT WAY FROM SPANKING PETE ON THE SEAT OF KNOWLEDGE.

2 YES PETE GOT EVERY KIND OF POX - SMALL POX, LARGES POX, DUCK POX, CHICKEN POX.

3 PETE'S FIRST JOB - BITING THE WADES OFF OF PICKLES IN KOOK'S PICKLE FACTORY 14 SUMMERS OF AGE.

4 BEING PRODIGIOUS AT IT, HE TOOK A COURSE IN BURGLEDY FROM THE CRIMINAL SCHOOL AND GRADUATED WITH THESE DEGREES.

5 AT 18, HE BROKE HIS POOR OLD MOTHER'S HEART BY ENTERING THE FOGGISHING PROFESSION - SHE WANTED HIM TO BE A BARTENDER.

6 ALONG ABOUT THIS TIME, PETE MEETS HANK - PHOTO SHOWS THE FIRST KISS OF FRIENDSHIP.

7 HANK MADE BOTH OF THEM SO ILL THEY WERE CONFINED TO THEIR BEDS FOR SIX MONTHS.

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Price 1-2 Price

Sale Opens Thursday Morning at 9 O'clock. We must reduce our Stock in February and to do so we have cut our prices half in two and are offering Merchandise at such prices that you will be compelled to buy

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