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A GOOD ROADS CONVENTION.

One of the greatest questions before the people of Johnston County to-day, is how to get and maintain a system of better roads. If we are to grow as we ought in population and in wealth, we must have better roads. We suggest that a Good Roads Convention be held in Smithfield sometime within the next sixty days to consider this great question. Much good may result from a meeting in which the farmers, the doctors, the merchants, the bankers, the lawyers, the cotton mill men, and the mechanics shall come together to talk about this economic question. It is one of great interest and concerns us all, whether we live in town or country.

Let us hear from the people on this question. Shall we have a Good Roads Convention?

SMITHFIELD'S LOSSES IN 1910.

In the year just closed Smithfield lost many of her oldest and best citizens by death. In the list are found the names of Dr. G. J. Robinson, Col. L. R. Waddell, Mr. George N. Peacock, Mr. G. H. Watson, Mr. Alex Muns, Mr. Julius A. Morgan and Col. E. J. Holt. For many years they were among the men who were the leaders in our civic and financial life. Their ages ranged from 60 to 80. The town will miss them.

NOTES ABOUT TOWN.

The holiday season is over and the New Year is on us. What are we doing to make this year the best in our history? Are we using every means possible to extend the bounds of our trading territory? Many are the ways that may be used to better our condition. One of these is to advertise liberally, yet judiciously. Let us tell the people, far and near, what we have to sell and try to induce them to come here to spend their money, assuring them that it will be to their advantage to do so. Good, healthy publicity will do much for Smithfield and our business men during 1911.

This is a great day and the town that would progress has no room for the grumbler. It is said that every town in the country has its sour-faced citizen. Let us hope that Smithfield is an exception. Every town also has its bright-faced hustlers, and after all they are the folks who count. Just at this time, in the glorious dawn of the New South, when our fair land seems to be coming into its own as never before, let us, in Smithfield, be wide-awake and is the time for us to march "United that is sure to come. A great opportunity is ahead of us, and it is important at this time, that we do not let it slip through our grasp. Now is the time for us to march "United and Onward" to better things.

The past year has been a good one for our town. The visitor who came a year ago, and now comes again, marvels at the things that have taken place in a short twelve-month. All the old shelters which were unsightly, and dangerous, too, have been removed and in most instances, nice awnings have taken their places. The old sidewalks have been replaced with new granolithic walks. On every side are seen signs of encouragement, looking to a bigger, better and happier Smithfield. The spirit of co-operation is visible as never before and the future of the town is brighter. Let us make the town attractive to all who come our way, let us make the man from the country feel at home among us, let us make him see that our interests are his, and that as one prospers, the other prospers accordingly.

WELCOME, DR. VENABLE!

We learn with pleasure, that Dr. F. P. Venable, President of the University of North Carolina, will visit our town, and deliver an address to the citizens of Johnston County, on Friday, the twentieth of this month. The following day, he will speak to the Teachers.

The Herald extends a hearty welcome to the distinguished visitor. President Venable is one of America's foremost scholars. In the fields of science, he is recognized among the leaders. His name is almost as well known in Europe as it is in our own land.

As an educator, he has deserved the highest praise of our citizens. Under his wise management the State University has increased in numbers, and grown in thorough efficiency. Dr. Venable has given his life, his soul to the task of educating the sons of Carolina, and he has done his work well.

Johnston County's two Oxford scholars were trained under his guidance, so were a number of our good citizens. To-day we count many young men at the State University, our own. Each man will gladly bear witness to the sterling, honest, broad-minded Southern gentleman, who is at the head of their Alma Mater.

We welcome then, Doctor Venable. We hope that our citizens will turn out to the last man and woman, to hear our distinguished guest. We have had the honor of entertaining many prominent visitors. We have acquitted ourselves with the finest hospitality. We shall welcome the President of the State's own University.

NEWS AND VIEWS.

We call the attention of our readers to an article found in another column written by Mr. J. H. Smith, of Elevation township, upon the subject of better roads. The Herald has said from time to time that the Roads Question is one of the foremost questions before us to-day. If we shall prosper as we ought, we must have better roads. How to get them is the question. Our columns are open to any of our readers who may desire to discuss this great question.

Judson Harmon was inaugurated Governor of Ohio for his second term last Monday. The inauguration was one of the simplest on record—there were no soldiers and brass bands, there was no inaugural address, and there was no inaugural ball. Why should there have been a ball? Is there any reason that so weighty an affair as assuming the reigns of government should be accompanied with such a light and frivolous a thing as a ball? In more than one State the thing has been omitted this winter, adding to the dignity of government.

Lee Cruce was inaugurated Governor of Oklahoma Monday. In his inaugural address he undertook to defend the Constitution of his State which its enemies has characterized as radical, even vicious. In his defense he said: "That operation under the Constitution is conducive to good government is established by the unprecedented growth of Oklahoma since statehood. During these three years the increase in taxable values has averaged \$100,000,000 per year, until now the total taxable wealth of the State is approximately one billion dollars." This is a record that has been attained by no other State and should be sufficient to silence the enemies of Oklahoma's Constitution.

Davis Elkins, son of the late Senator Stephen B. Elkins, was sworn in Monday as United States Senator from West Virginia to succeed his father, having been appointed to fill the term, until the Legislative elects, by Governor Glascock. Mr. Elkins is the youngest man in the Senate, having just passed 35. He is the third generation of his family to hold a seat in the United States Senate. His father was Senator from March 4, 1895, until his death, and his grandfather, Henry Gassaway Davis, represented West Virginia in the upper house of Congress from March 4, 1871, until March 3, 1883. The West Virginia Legislature is Democratic, and unless there is a prolonged fight for the Senatorship, Davis Elkins will be Senator only two weeks. Senator Elkins is a leading young business man of his State.

THE PROFESSOR TALKS.

BY A. VERMONT.

The world is a labor-market, in which each man offers for sale, his own ability to do things. The farmer brings to this buying and selling-place, the work of his muscles and the intelligence that guides them. He receives a compensation varying from twenty to more dollars a month. The ditcher has his day and his work for sale, he commands maybe, a salary of some thirty or more dollars a month. A clerk in a store, presenting experience and intelligence, naturally receives more than the two former. A skilled mechanic eclipses all these, when he enters the work-market and offers his expert work for sale.

The educated man of more developed experience and knowledge is higher priced, and the tendency in the United States to-day, is to pay the intellectual man more and more. Where brain and muscle enter in competition, the man with the brain wins out in the matter of salary. Consequently, there have sprung up, all over the country, schools of every description. Each day that passes in North Carolina, sees the erection of a new school. There are some two hundred high-schools, or graded schools in the State. Hence it is perfectly plain that to-morrow there will be a tremendous output of young men and women, who will have had excellent school facilities. It is with these, that our present boys and girls shall have to enter into competition, when they too shall enter the labor-market. It is evident that if your boy or girl can offer only manual labor, only muscle, they will lose out against him or her who can offer intelligent and intellectual work. You can see from this, that if you do not give your son or your daughter some opportunities to educate themselves, you condemn them to the life of a little-earning workman. This life may be good, but will it satisfy the ambition of your boy and girl?

Suppose that she will, that he will remain on the farm. The child has little or no education. All around him, other intelligent farmers have given their children all possible advantages. They can read, write, they have a good elementary knowledge of sciences. They understand the why and the wherefore of farming. Their work is successful. They are well repaid for their farm labors because their work is intelligent. Your uneducated boy, without any help from books, struggles and plods along in his own simple way, without understanding his work. He feels that he is carrying a heavy burden. His field that might be a most charming book in which there are written a thousand and splendid lessons, is but a place of toil. Nature over which God has written the mark of His own intelligence is closed to the young man, who lives in it. Why? Because some man or woman not understanding the importance of instruction and education has denied these children school advantages.

In the mean time, thousands of intelligent parents are making the hardest sacrifices, that their sons and daughters may not be deprived of the greatest right of the child, their education. They see to it, that the best possible teachers train their folks, that papers, books enter regularly into their homes. They have understood that this is a time of universal schooling and reading, they can not suffer their children to stand and knock at the school door, asking for instruction, for the bread of the mind.

Yesterday was the day of the coal-oil lamp, to-day is the day of electricity; yesterday was the day of simpler schools, to-day is the day of the graded school, the high-school, the college. We must keep our place in the procession, or fall by the way-side. Have you fully decided what your boy and girl shall offer in the labor-market? Shall it be just muscle, or shall it be brain?

The Canaday Monument Fund.

Supt. Royall published last week a list of the names of those who had sent funds to him with the amounts sent. The following amounts have come into my hands:

- From Smithfield School, .. \$6.03.
- From Mrs. Callie Royall, of Emporia, Va., 5.00.
- From Miss Etta Wheeler, Elevation School, 1.50.

I hope this fund will grow very much more. Let every teacher who failed to take this collection, do so at the earliest possible time. Let's make this fund a large one. Let's place a stone over the grave of Supt. Canaday that will be a credit to us as well as an honor to his memory.

Respectfully,
IRA T. TURLINGTON.

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Wm. R. Long, Smithfield, N.C.

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