

COMMONWEALTH OF OLD NORTH STATE

NORTH CAROLINA LARGER THAN ENGLAND—HAS 52,250 SQUARE MILES.

500 MILES EAST TO WEST

One Hundred Counties, the Largest in Square Miles Being Robeson, Smallest New Hanover—Produces Greater Variety of Products Than Any State.

Raleigh.—North Carolina is a great state, a great state in territory as well as in a great many other things. The Sanford Express says:

"Few of us realize what a wide-spreading domain North Carolina is. It is larger than England. It has 52,250 square miles of territory. Its length from Currituck county in the east to Cherokee county in the west is 503 miles. If a Tar Heel citizen will put a string down on the sands of the sea at the eastern end of the former county and stretch it across the mountains in the western end of the latter, and, hitching one end of the string to Currituck, carry the other end due north it will land him in the middle of Lake Champlain in New York state, crossing Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware and more than half of the Empire state. North Carolina is longer than from Asheville to Chicago or from Sanford to Buffalo. Its breadth is 188 miles at the widest point. It has 100 counties, the largest in square miles being Robeson with about 1,000, and the smallest, New Hanover, with less than 150. It produces a greater variety of products than any of the sisterhood of states. The first declaration of independence was proclaimed on its soil and it has led in many other things, always doing its duty alike in peace and in war. Just now the outside world is beginning to take note of the marvelous resources of North Carolina and everything indicates a marvelous industrial growth and expansion here within the next few years."

Another Competitive Rifle Shoot.

General order No. 6, by Adjutant General R. L. Leinster of the North Carolina National Guard directs the holding of a rifle practice and competitive shoot on the range at Raleigh June 5 to 7 by the three teams that made the highest scores in the three regimental competitive shoots recently held at Raleigh, Goldsboro and Gastonia. They are Company K, First Infantry, Asheville; Company L, Second Infantry, Lumber Bridge, and Company B, Third Infantry, Raleigh. The order details the regulations for the shoot. The expenses and the pay of the men are to be provided by the government. There will be still further competitive rifle range practice at Camp Glenn, Morehead, during the regimental encampment later in the summer. Then in August there will be the selection of the North Carolina team to represent the North Carolina national guard in the competitive rifle practice at Camp Perry under the direction of the War department and including teams from all the national guard.

Mr. Aycock is a Candidate.

Former Governor Charles B. Aycock gives confirmation to the report that he has determined to get into the race for the United States senate with Senator Simmons, Governor Kitchin and Chief Justice Walter Clark.

Engineers Will Help on Roads.

In response to requests from Dr. J. Hyde Pratt and other trustees of the Central Highway association, Senator Simmons called on the director of good roads and secured from him the promise to send an engineer to the state to aid in the location and construction of roads with the assurance that in a short time one or two additional engineers would be detailed for the same work.

Interesting History Exhibit.

There has been installed in the hall of history a notable exhibit from Salem that is attracting a very great deal of attention. It came as a loan from the Wachovia Historical society of Salem and consists of about 200 articles illustrating Moravian life and industry from 1756 down to the close of the civil war. There is a section of pipe that was used in providing a system of water supply for the old town of Salem from 1791, when Washington was a visitor in same, down to 1860.

The New \$250,000 State Building.

After spending a day in conference with state officers, including judges of the Supreme court, discussing features of plans for department quarters in the \$250,000 building to be erected on the site purchased on Fayetteville, Morgan and Salisbury streets, the state building commission adjourned to await the architects' plans and proposals as to election of the architect and adoption of plans to be received June 6. Plans are to be for a building 65 by 190 feet, five stories high.

ELKIN & ALLEGHANY UNSOLD

Further Investigation as to the Possibility of Financing the Enterprise Good Prospects.

Raleigh.—There was another conference of Governor Kitchin and the Councils of state with officers of the Elkin & Alleghany Railroad company and President John A. Mills of the Raleigh & Southport relative to the proposed sale of the Elkin & Alleghany to Mr. Mills under a proposition from him to take over the right of way Elkin to Sparta and the 12 miles of grading that has been done with convict labor by the state and complete the grading and equip the road, and most probably extend it 20 miles further to Jefferson, making a road more than 60 miles in length. The proposition made by Mr. Mills was not exactly satisfactory to the council of state with the approval of the state board of internal improvements. This has necessitated further investigation as to the possibility of financing the enterprise under the proposed new conditions by Mr. Mills. So he and President Hugh G. Chatham of the Elkin & Alleghany will go at once to New York to finally adjust matters to conform to the conditions stipulated by the council of state.

It can be said that the gentlemen interested in the enterprise are confident that the conditions will be met and the transfer of the property made, assuring the immediate completion and operation of the road from Elkin to Sparta and Jefferson, with early extension far into the western section, thus opening up a new and direct short line from the west into the central Carolina territory.

Favorable Report on Cotton.

From all parts of this section of the North Carolina cotton belt there come reports that the best stands of cotton that the farmers have had in many years are developing. The germination of the seed was considerably delayed by the cool spring conditions and by some lack of rain, but under the present warm and very satisfactory moist conditions the seed and little plants are responding finely and the development is very satisfactory indeed.

Senator Simmons Very Busy.

Senator Simmons has recently received quite a number of invitations to deliver addresses at school commencements and other public and patriotic occasions in North Carolina. He is a member of the finance committee of the senate, which is considering the reciprocity treaty and other tariff matters, and he feels that his duty requires his attendance at the meetings of the committee and of the senate.

Question of Near-Beer License.

Because of the expiration of county licenses for the sale of near beer on June the first and that the act prohibiting its sale becomes effective on the first day of July, there has been a question raised as to the issuing of license for one month.

In regard to this State Treasurer Lacy has sent out to the sheriffs of the various counties the following letter:

"By the advice of the attorney general, I have decided to rule that the sheriffs will issue near beer license for the month of June and collect for only one month. I do this on account of the conflict in the law, but it must not be understood, except when the law conflicts, that I will agree to pro rate a license."

The matter of licenses by towns and cities remains as heretofore in the hands of their governing bodies.

Very Valuable Farm Bulletin.

A very valuable bulletin is just issued by the state department of agriculture setting out the more general work and results on the Buncombe and Transylvania county state test farms, covering the clearing and improvement of the lands, rotation of crops and yields, buildings and equipment of the farms. It is by Dr. B. W. Kilgore, director, and R. W. Collett, superintendent of the farms. These farms were established in 1908. Cattle and sheep, corn, oats, rye and wheat, also hogs, are the principal products with which experimentation is carried on along with demonstration work for the surrounding country.

Enjoyed Liberty Twelve Years.

After 12 years Henry Ross has been arrested on the charge of running away with the proceeds of two bales of cotton in Wake county, at the instance of Dr. L. P. Sorrell, who sent Ross to the Durham market with cotton to be sold for him.

Large Number Insurance Companies.

There are a total number of 143 fire insurance companies licensed to do business in North Carolina, about half of them being in the Southeastern Tariff association.

Declines Y. M. C. A. Secretaryship.

W. L. Duncan of Baltimore has declined to accept the invitation to become the first secretary of the Raleigh Young Men's Christian association for which \$100,000 subscriptions were taken in a whirlwind campaign for the association building.

New Actuary Insurance Department.

State Commissioner of Insurance James R. Young has appointed Clarence R. Smith, of Kinston, as actuary to the state department of insurance to succeed R. E. Coit.

LARGE NUMBER OF DELEGATES ATTEND GOOD ROADS CONGRESS

SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN

Who Attended the Good Roads Congress.



JOHN H. BANKHEAD, United States Senator from Alabama.



JOSEPH F. JOHNSTON, United States Senator from Alabama.



OSCAR W. UNDERWOOD, Congressman from Ninth District of Alabama.



WILLIAM RICHARDSON, Congressman from Eighth District of Alabama.



J. THOMAS HEFFLIN, Congressman from Fifth District of Alabama.

Birmingham.—Decorated as it probably never was before was Birmingham in honor of the National Good Roads Congress, which convened here May 23. Here, there, everywhere, were decorations in evidence. Everywhere the streets presented a truly holiday appearance.

The business men of Birmingham acquitted themselves well in the way of providing entertainment for the delegates and visitors, the most notable of which was the old-time Southern barbecue on May 25.

A more representative body probably never before gathered together at one time. Delegates from every state, county and city in the United States, and from every agricultural, automobile, commercial and education, good roads, industrial, labor, transportation and woman's organization in the United States, the class interested in the great meeting, which promises so much for the cause of good roads, were present.

Delegates to the number of 4,000 were in attendance, to say nothing of the numerous visitors who were attracted thither to hear the value of good roads discussed.

The Good Roads Congress is now a matter of history, but the good work

secretary National Good Roads Congress.

Enrollment of members, delegates from states, districts, counties, cities, towns, commercial, farmers, labor, women and automobile organizations.

Appointment of standing committees.

"The Roads of the South"—Hon. E. F. Noel, governor of Mississippi.

"The Railroads to Good Roads"—Address by Hon. W. W. Finley, president Southern railway.

"The Farmers' Interest in Good Roads"—Address by Dr. Tait Butler, editor Progressive Farmer, Starkville, Miss.

Annual address—Arthur C. Jackson, president National Good Roads Congress.

Report of committee on local entertainment—J. R. Copeland, chairman program committee of local advisory board.

At 2:30 P. M.

"Effects of Good Roads on Immigration"—Paper by Hon. M. V. Richards, land and industrial agent of the Southern railway.

State Road Systems—Hon. R. F. Kolb, commissioner of agriculture of Alabama; Hon. Fred H. Phillips, commissioner of agriculture of Arkansas;

A GROUP OF GOVERNORS

Who Lent Their Aid in Making the Congress a Success.



EDMOND F. NOEL, Governor of Mississippi.



JARED Y. SANDERS, Governor of Louisiana.



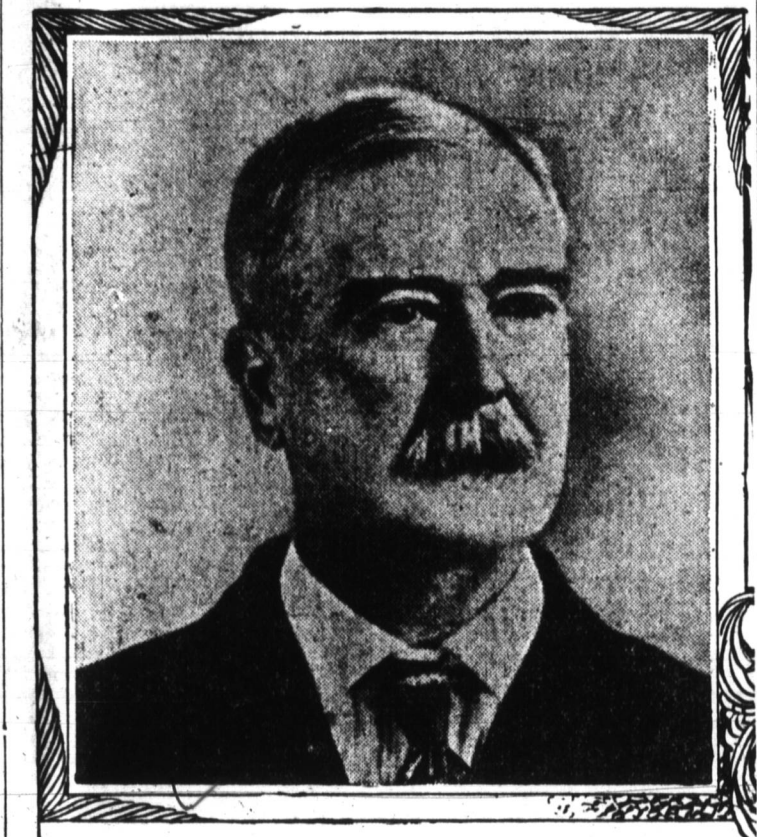
COLE S. BLEASE, Governor of South Carolina.



HERBERT S. HADLEY, Governor of Missouri.



WILLIAM SULZER, Congressman from Tenth District of New York.



GOVERNOR EMMET O'NEAL, Who Delivered the Address of Welcome on the Part of the State of Alabama.

accomplished will not soon be forgotten.

The program as about carried out follows:

Tuesday, May 23.

The Fourth National Good Roads Congress met in the Jefferson Theatre in the city of Birmingham on Tuesday, May 23, at 10 o'clock.

The meeting was called to order by John W. O'Neill, chairman of the local advisory board of the National Good Roads Congress, who introduced the local speakers.

Invocation—Rev. Raimundo de Ovies, pastor of St. Andrew's Episcopal church.

Address of welcome to the State of Alabama—Hon. Emmet O'Neal, governor of Alabama.

Address of welcome to Jefferson county, Alabama—Hon. Job Going, president of the Board of Revenue.

Address of welcome to Birmingham—Hon. Culppepper Exum, president of commission.

On behalf of Alabama Good Roads Association—Hon. John Craft, president.

On behalf of Jefferson County Good Roads Association—Hon. W. I. Grubb, United States district judge.

On behalf of Board of Trade—B. H. Cooper, president.

On behalf of Chamber of Commerce—Richard W. Massey, president.

On behalf of Business Men's League—J. H. Holcombe, president.

On behalf of Birmingham Motor Club—J. E. Dedman, president.

Chairman O'Neill turned the gavel over to Hon. Arthur C. Jackson, president of the National Good Roads Congress, who formally took charge of the congress.

Hon. H. B. Varner, of Lexington, N. C., responded to the addresses of welcome on behalf of the members and delegates to the National Good Roads Congress.

Reading, "Official Call of Fourth National Good Roads Congress" by J. A. Rountree, of Birmingham, Ala.

Hon. E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture of South Carolina; Hon. T. C. Wilson, secretary board of agriculture of Missouri; Hon. H. E. Blakeley, commissioner of agriculture of Mississippi.

The congress adjourned at 4 o'clock and took the street cars and automobiles to inspect methods of street paving.

Wednesday, May 24.

Report on Work of the Congress—J. A. Rountree, secretary National Good Roads Congress.

"Road System of State of Tennessee"—Hon. Ben W. Hooper, governor of Tennessee.

"Federal Control of the Roads"—Senators John H. Bankhead and Joseph F. Johnston, of Alabama.

"Progress of Road Improvement in the South"—Hon. Logan Waller Page, director United States office of public roads.

"Importance of Good Roads"—Hon. Walter D. Seed, lieutenant governor of Alabama.

"Railroads and Good Roads"—J. C. Clair, industrial and immigration commissioner Illinois Central, Chicago.

"Road Laws of Alabama"—Hon. E. B. Almon, speaker of Alabama legislature, and R. E. Spraggins, president Alabama State Highway Commission.

"Good Roads as a Factor in the Rural School Problem"—Prof. J. C. Hardy, president Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College.

"Co-operative Road Building"—C. C. Gilbert, secretary Memphis-to-Bristol Highway Association, Nashville, Tenn.

"Relation of Colleges to Good Roads Movement"—Prof. G. N. Mitcham, of Civil Engineering, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala.

The delegates were then conducted in street cars to Corey, and returned to the city in time to take a special train to Oxmoor, where the Birmingham Motor Club conducted an automobile hill-climbing contest.

TOPICS OF INTEREST DISCUSSED AT THE GOOD ROADS CONVENTION AT BIRMINGHAM.

"Permanent Good Roads; Ways and Means to Build Them"—Hon. Thomas L. Cannon, of St. Louis, Mo.

"National Aid for Good Roads"—Address by Congressman William Richer of New York, Congressman Richmond P. Hobson of Alabama, John L. Burnett and J. Thomas Hefflin of Alabama.

"Automobiles and Good Roads"—A. G. Batchelder, chairman executive committee American Automobile Association.

"The Roads and Road System of Louisiana"—Hon. J. Y. Sanders, governor of Louisiana.

"The Value of System of Road Building and the Worth of Brick Roads"—Will P. Blair, secretary National Paving Brick Manufacturers' Association.

"Good Roads and Their Relation to Pan-American Commerce"—Address by Hon. John Barrett, director-general The Pan-American Union, Washington, D. C.

"State Supervision of Public Roads"—Dr. Hyde Pratt, state geologist of North Carolina.

"Good Roads and Their Relations to Agriculture Economics"—Hon. E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture of South Carolina.

"Convicts on Public Roads"—Dr. E. Stagg Whitin of New York, secretary National Prison Committee; Hon. Robert Moulthrop, member Alabama senate; Capt. John Craft, member of Alabama Highway Commission.

"Convicts on Public Roads of Georgia"—Dr. S. W. McCallie, state geologist of Georgia.

"Asphalt Streets and Pavements"—Prof. Clifford Richardson, of New York.

"Street Paving and Street Improvement"—Mayor Courtlandt S. Winn, of Atlanta, who opened discussion, followed by visiting mayors.

"Alabama State Highway Commission Work and Plan"—V. B. Atkins, member State Highway Commission.