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POINTS AND PARAGRAPHS ABOUT GOOD ROADS. Story of the Robbery of the

The Tax We Now Pay.

Not a basket of eggs is brought to market, not a box of chickens, a pound of meat, a bale of cotton, a barrel of apples, nor a bushel of grain but pays a tax to bad roads, invisible and imperceptible, but constant, steady, and in the aggregate destructive of progress and prosperity.

Equivalent to Killing Every Horse and Mule Annually.

Ten millions of dollars annually, as tribute to cisy, mud, saud, rocks, and hills, not to mention tired beasts, galled shoulders, sore backs, and profane drivers. During the last twenty-five years this bad-road tax has consumed an amount of money equal to the taxable values of the whole State of North Carolina. One-tenth of what we waste annually on bad roads would give a seven mouths' term to every school in North Carolina; \$10,000,000 thrown away on bad roads. It is the same as if every horse and mule in North

Bad Reads Unfavorable to Matrimony.

Dr. G. T. Winston, President, A. & M. College.

Carolina were killed annually.

The bad-road tax is paid every minute of every hour of every day in the year. It collects itself. - I do not wonder the doctors and preachers and young men came to the help of Captain Alexander in Mecklenburg county. They know the cost of bad roads. The young men had to ride around to see the pretty girls; the preachers had to tie the knot and christen the babies; the doctors had to usher in the new generation and usher out the old. Necessarily, in his campaign in Mecklenburg county for good roads, Captain Alexander found his most ardent supporters to be young men, preachers, and doctors. I think it might be demonstrated beyond a reasonable doubt that bad roads are unfavorable to matrimony and increase of population.

Taxation as an Investment lastead of a Burden.

A man will spend \$10 for a modern plow instead of \$1.50 for an old-time plow of his fathers, because it pays him to do so.

He will spend \$150 for a horse instead of \$25 for an ox, be cause the horse can travel faster and easier, and hence is worth

He will spend \$50 for a modern wagon or buggy instead of \$20 for the crude cart of his ancestors, because in this, as in other cases, he follows the dictates of his wisdom in making the one or the other of these voluntary investments.

But when the question of a tax is raised he loses his capacity for reasoning.

He was born against it; he has been educated against it; he has lived against it, and voted against it, and he is just naturally against it.

Furthermore, the politicians have told him that he could not stand such an increase in his tax; that taxes were too high anyhow; and that the people were not ready for it yet.

He may waste half his winter time on the roads because they

nightmare which blinds him to all the compensating benefits.

Like the bull and the red flag, he is opposed to it on principle and he is going to fight it.

But some day our people will come to consider a tax in its true light as an investment, and as the best and only satisfactory means of accomplishing certain necessary and beneficent results.

They will see that such an investment pays; and that it pays in proportion to the wisdom and intelligence with which it is expended.

Fortunately too, we are coming to understand that our bad roads impose upon us a tax which is just as real and burdensome as any or all of our other taxes combined; and, furthermore, that this is a tax which bears heavily upon every citizen and benefits

OPERA HOUSE

READS LIKE A DIME NOVEL.

Latta Postoffice. -- Incidentally the Account of Half a Dezen Other Bold and Successful Hauls.

Ctarleston News and Conrier.

A story that causes the operations of Rafflee, "The Gentisman Bargler," to appear tame and suitable for the nursery: a story that made the Nick Carter and Diamond Dick series to pale into insignificance: a tale that held the throng of spectators breathless with attestion, was told in the United States Circuit Court, Judge Bruwley oresiding, yesterday afternoon, when John F. McCarthy, alies John O Dandrell, now serving a sentence in Vermont State prison, was put on the stand to testify in the Latta postoffice robbery case.

When District Attorney Capers asked McCarthy if he knew John King and Edward Mone, alies Marphy, he replied: "Oh, yes, I know them. I co-operated with them in the robbery of the postoffice at Latta on February Sc, 1991."

S5, 1964."
On further examination McCarthy gave a full account of the movements of the gang which infested the State some two years ago.
In part McCarthy said: "I met the two Rebens, Rudolph and Chris, in Charleston in 1903, and saw King and Morgan at the house of Rabens free consents."

Morgan at the house of Rabens frequently.

When ested to give an account of the robbery at Latts McCarthy, is part, said: "Well efter a conference with several members of the gang it was decided to have a try at the post-office or bank in Lerta. Two of us went up there to look over the ground, and these the rest of us followed—Morgan, King, myself end one other. We went to Dillou and got breakfast is a house in the factory district. Morgan and Shorty, who had been over to Latta, came up to us and reported that it looked good. We cooked dinner and supper in the woods, near the track, between Dillou and Latts, and after dark set out for Latta, halting on the edge of the town until midnight, when we entered. We broke open a carpenter's chest in an unfluished house, endeavoring to find the necessary tools; we finally went to a blacksmith's shop and got a nledge hammer, crowber, oblied, brace and other instruments. We went to the bank and King and myself kept watch, while the two others in the same building with the postoffice, was blown all right, but the force of the explosions immed the door and there was nothing doing in the swag line; so we tried the postoffice safe. Morgan and Shorty were inside, and pretty scoul heard two explosions following closely upon each other. The stamps, money and letters were put in a sack, and the two came explosions following closely upon each other. The stamps, money and letters were put in a sack, and the two came

FIXED FOR HLOODHOUNDS.

"After coming from the building we all fixed for bloodhounds-that is He may waste half his winter time on the roads because they are so intolerably bad.

He may damage a horse and spend \$25 a year repairing wagons and buggies, because of these terrible roads.

If forced to do so he may count it up that these bad roads cost him \$25 or \$50, or even \$75 a year.

He may admit that they necessitate his hauling half loads all winter and spring; that they keep his children from school and his family from church; and make the boys and girls all want to leave the country and move to town.

He may realize that in swearing over the mudholes and broken vehicles he is losing even the religion which he inherited.

He may admit all of this and more, but when there is raised before him the question of increasing his tax, he is seized with a night mare which blinds him to all the compensating benefits.

Like the hull and the red flow he is consequent to its raised.

The prevent self the triming from toe all fixed for bloodhonads—that is we tied a string or cloth to the 'lapole' of our shoes and sprinkled it with must down by the depot and across the coantry to a branch track and whon about four ratios from Latta want into the woods and divided the swar. We had about stamp, two proket books, and a lot of letters. I lost ose letter from Winnie Lewis and tore up another letter. I lost ose letter from Winnie Lewis and tore up another letter. I lost ose letters, one of them invest and the other put together on a pass of allows. McOarthy identified both as the other put together on a pass of the minives, which must have been a very tender one, bear "Sweetheart Johany." The contents were not read.

The papers, said the witness, were was the character of the papers referred to McCarthy said they were
newspapers and religious periodicats.
District Attorney Capers wanted to
know if the gang had read the religious papers in the quiet medastres of
that quiet and sequestered spat. The
witness said that they had not.

BURIED THE PENNIES. "We buried about 200 pennies, as they were too heavy to carry, and then went down the track about two miles' keeping under the cover of the woods constantly. We skirted Dillon and then the gang separated. I went to Fayettville, N. C., with Shorty. We stopped at the Davis House and the

MONDAY,

next morning Margan and King showed up at the breaking table. We then west over to Hamlet the next mersing, which was Bunday, and King hid the stamps under a freight shed."

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Going back a bit, Motarthy said, "I first met the two Rabees in the fail of 1908 at the Star Theater. Shorty was with them and I met Gen Du Ford atther at the theatre as at Rabea's home. Du Ford brought dynamits to the city and the glyconic was extracted, so that the man bear to be was extracted, so that the man bear of the man allowed was extracted, so that the man bear of the same and should be was extracted, so that the man bear of the same and should be was extracted, so that the man bear of the same and should be bear. Borrly afterwards Shorty, Morran, Du Ford and myself was did causing a good job, and we decided on Danmurk. An investigating committee was sent on and it was reported that Donmurk was all right. We worked it mising and came back to Charleston, taking the money to Rabeas's home. We had about 805 between the four of an We all country and Rabeas want on our part, and Rabeas want on the first how exactly when the stamps of the stamps and man the Star Theatre.

Theatre.

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spont most of mine at the Star Theatrn.

"We thought we'd try Mount Olive, M. C., next. We get the tools from Rebeas' home and started ont. Didn't know exactly where we were soing, but were going up against the first thing we came across. We blowed a bank, but the insur doors jammed and then we went into the postoffies and gut about \$600 in cash, buildes stamps. I came hask to Charlestos with the stamps and mw Raiseas the next morning and delivered to him the stamps, which he put in a safe in his store. The money in stamps amounted to about \$356. I planted our tools is Habens' hack yind.

GOOD HAUL AT SENECA. GOOD HAUL AT SENECA.

our toole is Habens' back yard.

GOOD HAUL AT SENECA.

"Morgan had left me mad I had instructions to come whenever I received a telegram to that effect. Shortly stter I had returned from Mount Olive. Ohris Rabens received a telegram from Mergan which he gave to ma. In effect was: "Bend Johnsy to Greenwood." I duz up the tools is Radelph Rabens yard and after securing some fune from Rabens, went up to Greenwood, where I was mee by Morgan and Storty. We went over to Season and mobad the Courtney Bank, securing some 6,000 or 28,000: we got about \$600 worth of diamends in the han!. We hid about \$2,000 in silver in the ground and put the paper money in a satchel I came on back to Charleston and was mot at the depot by Rabens and another man. We went to Chris Rabens' store and I gave him alt the money burnt and tora by the explasion. I told Rabens and another had I went tock after the baried silver, but it could not be found. Rabens and myself then went up to Baltimore to get Shurty, and he came back with we and the silver was located. It was shipped to Charleston in a dream suit case and a trunk.

BURNED IT FAST.

down to Charleston and want to Rabean' house. We had a conference at
Habean' house, and decided to see how
things stood at Sa. George's. The
members of the gang that went up to
look ever the situation reported favorably, and we started to St. George's.
Shorty and Ring went on the train.
Morgan and myself were delves out to
the Seven-mile Run by Rabean. We
broke up so as not to attract attention,
though we were all together on the
train. Up about Pregnali's a track
broke or something happened to the
train and we were delayed about an
hour. When we got to St. George's a
posses got after us and many shots
were fired. We separated and fied to
the woods. I marted to board the

train and come tack to Charleston, but acticud that the anno conductor which had taken us up to St. George's, was on the train, and as I materstood that he had given as a sag and gamest the formation of the posse which chaned as out of town. I didn't get on the train. I came hask to Charleston inter and gut the socie is a lureast drawer in Rabes's bear to the others of the gang came back later, and we all met at Rabes's eters. We discussed Johnson's and Monk's Corner, but Margan and Stat Letta.

Cultivate the Grateful Spirit.

We seldom think of the ordinary blessings of life and appreciate them as we should. Even a vivid imagination can fill us with joy and gladness. We can build our castles in the air and dwell in them briefly with rapturous delight. We can call up the sweet memories of our childhood days and in the garden of childish bliss we can live over again those hallowed periods in our lives.

As long as we enjoy good health and ease and comfort, we too often fail to appreciate them as we should.

Let them be taken from us and then we realize what bless-ings they were and how grate-ful we should have been in the possession of them.

The good things of this life are rarely ever properly appre-ciated as long as we have them. This is a sad commentary on

human nature.

Everyoue should endeavor to find some bright spot in his life every day for which to give thanks, and feel truly grateful that his lot in life is no worse than it is.

The Lewell of the South.

The Mountain Island waterpower and cotton mill on the Catawba river near Charlotte, has been purchased by Dr. W. Gil Wylie, of New York, president of the Catawba Power Company which has a plant further down the sizes further down the river and is now supplying Charlotte and other cities with electric power. It is said \$200,000 was the price paid for the Mountain Island property, and it no doubt means that a big development

Charlotte appears to be des-tined to become the immediate centre of the cotton manufacturing industry of the South. She has already a greater number of mills than any other city in the South and is particularly fortunate in being within the radius of transmission from the great waterpowers on both the Catawba and the Yadkin.

Negro Attending to His Be boro Record.

Saturday afternoon a negro named Price, who had been summoned on the regular panel and had served a week, walked into Judge Boyd's office and in a most polite manner, asked to be excused from further attendbe excused from further attendance. The request staggered the judge and he asked why be desired to be excused, that he was getting \$3.00 a day, whereupon the colored brother told him he knew that, but he had a farm and it was a busy time and he wanted to look after his work. He was excused for the term. This is the first time a negro has asked to be let off from serying on a jury. It shows, if it shows anything, that the colored man is strending to business as well as the white man.

Lenoir is to have another new furniture factory.

The Rock Hill Herald learns The Rock Hill Herald learns that Cad Jones family of York county is related by descent to John Paul Jones, the first American admiral, and the founder of the American navy, whose body, after being interred in Prance for more than a hundred years before, was disinterred and identified on Priday of last week, after a five years search by Ambassador Porter,

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Mr. Leslie Adams Entirely Well

Mr. Leslie Adams Entirely Well
and Resumes his Vocation.
The Labor News (Catomas Series).
Leslie M. Adams went to
Denver on Tuesday morning
and will deposit a Charlotte
(N. C.) card (No. 338) with
Secretary Birdsall of No. 49.
Young Mr. Adams was in a
serious condition when admitted in July, 1903, but in a
few months time began to exfew months time began to experience improvement in condition, which was steadily maintained. In bidding good-bye,
and receiving the well wishes of
bis fellow members of the institution he declared he was
leaving thoroughly well and
ready to resume his vocation
when an opportunity to do so
was offered him.

The Arrewood Case. "Mr. Thos. J. Pence,

Washington correspondent the Raleigh Post, brings vividly the effect of the j ment of the court martial is case of young Arrowood, the North Carolina midshipman who case of young Arrowood, the North Carolina midshipman who desurted the navy, says the Progressive Parmer. He is forever debarred from voting or holding office; he is a citizen without a country or a flag; if he were abroad and subjected to ill saage, he could not invoke the protection of the American government because he has been decitizenized. And yet the young fellow is but 22 years old. On the face of it, his sentence is light, and yet it is a high price he is to pay for his desertion.

The friends of the young man are not idle, and they expect sooner or later that his rights of citizenship will be restored to him. It is planned among other things to have Congress review the young man's disabilities and testore him to full citizenship. In any event the Arrowood case is to be heard from when Congress convenes.

The President is happy. A dispatch from Glennwood Springs. Col., says: President Roosevelt has killed a bear and a bob-cat. He is satisfied with his hunt for the higgest game the Rockies afford. To quote his own words: "I got wha. I was after. It was bully sport, and I hope it will keep up."

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Automobile Car ler Lane

If the farmers of the south fail

to reduce the acreage this year, it will reduce itself next year; but if they do reduce this y next year they will be able to plant as much cotton as they

Young Bailes, who was shot by his uncle, W. O. Bailes, is now believed to be out of danger. uire Willard O. Bailes to Yorkville Mouday, when was bound over to ap answer the charge of with intent to kill.

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