# THE GASTONIA GAZETTE V. P. MARSAALL, Elltor and Propplotor. <br> Published Twlce a Week-Tuesdaye und Frideys. DEVOTED TO THE PROTECTION of HOML AND TiI IITEAESTS OF Hil COUVII. 

POINTS :AND PARAGRAPHS ABOUT GOOD ROADS.

Not a basket of egrs is brought to market, not a box of chick-
ens a pound of meat, a bale of cotton, a barrel of apples, nor
bushel of grain but, ens, a pound of meat, a bale of cotton, a barrel of apples, nor a
bushel of grain but pays a tox to bad roads, invisible and imper
ceptible, but constant, steady, and in the aggregate destructive of ceptible, but constant, stea
progress and prosperity.

Equivalent to Yuling Every filorse and Male Amnually. Dr. Ten millions of dollars annually, as tribute to ciay, mud, sand, backa, and profane drivers. During the last twenty five years this bad-road tax has consumed an amount of movey equal to the taxa-
ble values of the whole State of North Carolina. One-tenth of ble 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
Carolina were killed annually. Bed Roads Untevorable to Metrimeny
D. C. 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 Alexand preachers and young men calne to the belp of Captain AlexThe young men had to ride around to see the pretty birls; the preachers had to tie the knot and christen the babies; the doct
had to usher in the new generation and usher out the old. Nec sarily, in his campaign in Mecklenburg county for good roads
Captain Alexander found his most ardent supporters to be youns men, preachers, and doctors. It think it might be demonstrated beyond a reasouable doubt that bad roads are unfayorable to matrimony and increase of population.

Taxation as an lavestmest Instond of a Bardea.
A. Holmen, Buate Ceelogiat. $\$ 10$ 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 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 casen, he follows the dictates of his wisdom in making the one or the other of these voluntary investuneuts.
But when the question of a tax
But when
He was born against it; he bas ber
has lived against it, and voted against it, and he is jast naturally
against it. against it.
stand auch \&n increase in his tax; that taxes were too high not how; and that the people were not ready for it yet. 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 connt it up thi him $\$ 25$ or $\$ 50$, or even $\$ 75$ a year.
He may admit that they

He may admit that they necessitate his hali. winter and spring; that they keep his childsen from school and his family from church; and make the
the country and move to town.
He miay realize that in swearing over the mudholes and broken vebicles he is losing even the religion which he inherited.
He may admit all of this and more, but when there before him the question of increasing his tax, he is seized with nightmare which blinds him to all the compensating benefits.
Like the bull and the red flag, he is opposed to it on pri Like the bull and the red
ple 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
proportion to the wisdom and intelligence with which it is exin propor Fortunately too, we are cotning to understand that our bad roads impose upon us a tax which is just as real and burdensonve this is a tax which bears heavily upon every citizen and benefits no one.
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