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#### KEEP THIS IN MIND.

It takes money and labor to publish a newspaper.

It requires money to procure the necessaries of life in this day and time, and the publisher of this paper requires and demands money for his time and labor in supplying the people of this community and Polk county with a live, up-to-date local journal.

If YOU are a subscriber to The News and are in arrears, PAY UP. We have endeavored faithfully in the few months just past to give good service to our patrons.

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#### GOOD vs. BAD ROADS.

The Kansas City Star throws a few hot shot into the non-progressive of every community on the road question in this manner:

"The plea that good roads are 'too costly' belongs only to the cheap statesman, the mossback, and such old-fashioned publications as The Joyville Clarion. It has no place in the consideration of the problem of modern road building.

"The primary purpose in securing good roads is to eliminate the enormous and everlasting cost of bad roads. Modern country roads bear the same relation to the rural districts as paved streets bear to the cities. Paved streets for municipalities are, first of all, a business proposition. The comfort and convenience afforded by them is a matter of secondary consideration. No city could be built on mud streets. Neither can agricultural communities be developed on mud roads. And any condition that retards the fullest development of country life is an expense that spells ruin and bankruptcy in the end."

The people of this section must soon awaken to the losing policy of retaining a system of bad roads. Get rid of the mud holes and prosperity will be knocking at every farmer's gate.

"Visitors from the North are reminded that this is the Sunny South, despite the polar atmosphere," softly murmured the Atlanta Journal recently. If you want balmy breezes and life-giving sunshine, come to Columbus.

If the croakers and pessimists in every community could be attached to the tail of Halley's comet and whisked through space for the next 75 years Old Earth would become a veritable paradise.

A good roadway on about a 3 per cent grade between Tryon and Columbus will be easily worth \$50,000 to Columbus township.

And the Earth continues to revolve in space, despite the comet.

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Baltimore Sun.

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#### An Expensive Curse.

Morganton News Herald.

When the people can be made to understand that it actually costs more in time and money to travel over a poor road than it does to travel over a good one, they will be less inclined to begrudge the expense of good roads, and what is more important still, will be willing and anxious to put the business of road making into the hands of intelligent men who understand the business. Poor roads are the expensive things that curse a country district.

#### A Necessary Luxury.

Anderson County Times.

The telephone is one of the most useful of all modern inventions. No business is so small that it cannot be benefited by it, and no industry is so large that it can be done without. It is no longer considered a luxury, but a necessity. According to our information there are only a few remote and isolated corners on the globe without telephone connection with the outside world. Our geography gives only three notable places where the jingle of the 'phone bell is not heard. They are: On the Sahara desert, in portions of the Rhino-tum-tum jungle of South Africa, and in the Anderson county court house.

#### Developing Resources of the South.

Zion's Herald, Boston, Mass.

After making all necessary discounts for the overstatements published by interested "boomers," it is undeniable that the Southland is making great strides in economic development.

This fact will clearly appear when it is remembered that the South's cotton crop for 1909-10 is worth not far from one billion dollars, or about twice as much as the output of all the gold mines in the world for the same year.

Southern cotton mills are now consuming 2,500,000 bales of cotton a year, or as much as all other mills in the United States are consuming of Southern-grown cotton.

Of grain 800,000,000 bushels a year are produced in the South.

The total value of the agricultural products of the South last year was \$2,550,000, or more than the total of the agricultural output of the whole United States in 1890.

The South has 62,000 square miles of bituminous coal, and is now mining over 113,000,000 tons a year.

It dominates the sulphur trade of the world, of which it produces nearly one-half. The marbles, granites, building stones, and clays of the South are of high grade; phosphate rock is there found in large quantities, and nowhere else, it is claimed, are located in the same country the foundations of all great manufacturing interests—cotton, coal, iron, lumber, oil, sulphur, gas, etc.

The present development is the revival of what was being done prior to 1860, on a relatively larger scale, which shows, says the Manufacturers' Record, the inborn trait of the Southern people to turn to industrial pursuits.

#### TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Of the Polk County Baptist Sunday School Association, May 28 and 29.

The 25th session of the Polk County Baptist Sunday School Association will be held with the Cooper's Gap church, Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29, 1910.

Following is the programme:  
Saturday—10.30 a. m., song and prayer; 11 o'clock, sermon by Rev. Zachary White; 12 noon, recess; 1 o'clock, organization; 1.30, "Seed Sowing and the Harvest," Gal., 6-7, Rev. Elbert Jackson and J. H. Gibbs; 2.30, "The office work of the Holy Ghost," Revs. T. W. Arledge and B. P. Jackson; 3.30, "How the Interest in Sunday School work may be increased," by Jerry Jackson and H. B. Corn.

Sunday, May 29—Sunday School lesson taught by J. E. Shipman; 11 o'clock, a plea in behalf of orphans, Isaiah 68: 5, Rev. T. H. Posey; 12 noon, recess; 1.30, mass meeting; 2.50, miscellaneous business.

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