

## CONTRIBUTED LOCALS.

### What "W" Sees and Hears on its Roads About the City.

Abbeville, S. C., January 14, 1901.

#### PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Dr. T. S. Blake after spending several days of last week with his nephew, J. R. Blake, Jr., left last Wednesday for his home in Ninety Six.

Mr. J. Fraser Lyon was honored by election on the first ballot, to the Clerkship of the Senate Finance Committee.

Mr. W. W. Bradley was elected over several competitors as clerk of the Engrossing Committee.

Master Calhoun Cason, of Abbeville, is now acting as Page in the Legislature. Calhoun is a bright lad, and will do his duty well.

Miss Lou Voss, after a most delightful visit to friends and relatives in Georgetown, returned last Saturday, and is now at her place in the store of A. H. S. Day.

Hon. John E. Bradley was in the city last Monday on special business.

Gen. R. R. Hanchett came home last Saturday to see his grand son, Master Robert Hemphill Coleman, who has been extremely ill, but the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Coleman rejoice with them that the little son is much better.

The little babe of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Faulkner who has been quite ill, is now considered out of danger.

Sheriff Givings, W. J. Nickles and T. G. Ellis spent last Sabbath in the classic city of Due West.

Mr. Norman Cason has just returned from a business trip to Atlanta.

Mr. P. Rosenberg is in Atlanta on personal business.

#### CHARMING GUESTS AT THE GLEN ETHEL INN.

Miss Stella Roberts, a most charming and attractive young lady of New-Bern, N. C., is the guest of her friend, Mrs. Paylor, at the Glen Ethel Inn.

Miss Irvin Paylor, a most attractive and popular young lady, of High Point, N. C., is at the Glen Ethel Inn.

Miss Mazie Cason, one of Abbeville's prettiest young ladies, is in the city on a visit to her friend, Mrs. R. S. Lile, the proprietor of the Glen Ethel Inn.

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## GOOD ROADS COMING.

### THERE IS NO MISTAKING THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

Widespread Discussion Has Shown the Pressing Need of Highway Improvement—Men From All Walks of Life Have Enlisted in the Cause.

There is no doubt in the minds of those who have studied the signs of the times that an era of road improvement has dawned on this country. Continued agitation has awakened the people to the necessity of action. The Cedar Rapids Gazette tells the story of progress in a conversation between an old editor and a farmer.

"At last," said the old editor, who has been in the harness for nearly 40 years, "I see signs which indicate the certain approach of an era of good road building, and I look upon it as one of the best signs of the times."

"I infer that you think it high time for such an era," remarked a farmer subscriber who had dropped in for a little financial transaction.

"I surely do. In fact, I can't find even the shadow of an excuse for any more delay in its journey our way. I only wonder why, when advances are being made in so many other respects, some of which are of little importance compared with the roads over which many millions must pass each year, that the day of practical planning for better roads did not begin several decades ago."

"May I ask what it is that gives you encouragement that there is approaching a revolution in the matter of roads?" asked the farmer, adding that he was "aware that good roads mean more to me and my brother farmers than to any other class," and that he was anxious to see the work go on.

"Agitation, sir, agitation—the practical agitation that is going on in every direction. Why, the ministers are preaching about it, educators are lecturing on the subject, the farmers, at least all who are organized, and they are organized in nearly all the states, are awakening to its importance to them, personally—to their purses and comfort. Few, if any, of the farmers' institutes have passed without more time being given to good road agitation than to almost any other question."

"The question has been taken up in one way or another in 20 different legislatures, and the discussion on the various measures touching better roads has been far-reaching, the papers quoting more or less from the bills and the speeches. Debating societies in thousands of schools have discussed the good roads question. Hundreds of thousands of men and women who ride wheels have talked more or less on the same question, and the great national organization of wheelmen known as the

League of American Wheelmen, whose membership, I understand, is fast climbing to the 100,000 mark, has done a vast amount of work in making right public sentiment."

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