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**An Evening Echo.**  
Acestors have sometimes been more solicitous to keep up the breed of their dogs and horses than their children.—GOLDSMITH.

**Roads Good and Bad.**  
Much encouragement for rural life and the conditions surrounding it is gleaned by the Bluefield Daily Telegraph from the progress that has been made in the good roads crusade. It says:

Little by little the farmer is losing the distinguishing features that make for the picturesque, and that principally through the discarding of accoutrements that formerly made him a marked man when he appeared among his city friends. But so long as we continue to have weather and mud roads, the high-topped cow-hide boots will clearly designate him as a dweller on the borderland of civilization.

More than fifty years ago Charles Sumner found occasion to say: "The two great forces for the advancement of civilization are the school master and good roads." Despite the progress that has been made, were he living today, he would not have to look far from the capital of the nation to discover conditions that would make timely the sentiment so long ago uttered. The "corduroy" roads of Arkansas and the impassable quagmires in the course of Texas travel were huge jokes in his time, when the almost forgotten humorist, "Sam Slick," told of the precautions taken by the weary wayfarer not to tread on the sojourner underneath. This broad exaggeration passed for wit in that day, but the reproach was felt to the extent of greatly improving the conditions, until Texas, at least, stands well to the front in the record for highway improvement. In our own section, Maryland has also made strides, though much remains to be done; but Virginia now expends only one-tenth of the sum annually invested by her sister state in the most laudable of enterprises. And West Virginia! Well, West Virginia is going to do better. Let's start the ball rolling in Mercer county by hurrying along the proposed bond issue.

The difference between good roads and bad means the difference between comfort and hardship, enlightenment and ignorance, waste and conservation, civilization and barbarism. The grain dealer in the city watches the rain and snow, partly for the effect it has on growing vegetation. But after the harvest he still keeps tab on the weather. For he knows that, with good weather, the crops move freely to market, while with bad, the incoming of the grain is sluggish and uncertain. All this at the other end of the line, stands for human exposure, tired horses, broken harness, and creaking wagons—a waste of energy in the aggregate sufficient to build broad highways each year from New York to San Francisco, and from the lakes to the gulf.

How much, humanly speaking, the spread of the Gospel was indebted to good roads, it might be venturesome to inquire. But the good soldier of the cross, Paul, traveled many a mile over Roman highways that still stand in various parts of the continent and England to testify how enduringly the Roman empire built. Some day we will recover this lost wisdom and pay due attention to this greatest of civilizing factors—but when?

**As to Popular Government.**  
The idea that our system of government has been wrong since the beginning and that a popular system is inherently perfect has been

talked into the people. But, it has been largely a matter of shouting and the Charleston News and Courier. The mock-riquiry always (how) that their opponents have been subsidized, and it is difficult sometimes to discuss principles without having one's motive and character attacked. The shouting at times would indicate that all honesty is on one side, whether the sense is or not.

But while considering the question of popular government, it might be well to ask what has become of the minority. That is what society is for—to protect the weak from the strong, to prevent the majority from riding roughshod over the minority. To replace the verdicts of the court with the passing voice of the people means a practical denial of justice to the unpopular, which is often the right side. The South knows what it is to be the victim of unreasonable passion and prejudice. It knows how unfair it is for the majority to scorn the minority. The minority more often than not is right, and that is why the minority of today is the majority of tomorrow. Popular government as opposed to representative government has not yet proved its case.

**Care of Infants.**

A large part of the sickness among infants in hot weather is due to insufficient cooling of the living animal body. Dr. Henry D. Chapin, of New York, in a leading article in a recent number of the Journal of The American Medical Association, emphasizes the importance of cool, fresh air for infants during the summer months. He says, "Imagine an infant on a hot day lying in a crib surrounded by curtains. Air movement is stopped, and the atmosphere around the infant becomes so saturated with water vapor from the evaporated perspiration that no more can evaporate, with the result that the infant's cooling system breaks down and vomiting and diarrhoea may ensue.

"As long as the air is not saturated with vapor, but is in motion, it is perfectly feasible to be cool and comfortable. If the air is dry or is in motion, it is capable of vaporizing perspiration, but when an infant is subject to conditions which render it unable to liberate its heat properly, trouble invariably follows. The best treatment in such cases is to stop all food temporarily, give the infants a bath to remove heat, keep them quiet and provide them with plenty of fresh air."

This emphasis of fresh air should not be looked on as a hobby. Insufficient air means incomplete combustion. Air is as essential to the infant as food.

**OFF FOR ALBANY.**

SYRACUSE, Aug. 22.—On the ninth day of his flight from St. Louis to New York, Aviator Harry Atwood today planned to fly 153 miles to Albany. He will start from Belle Isle, where he landed last night.

**GRADING IS BEGUN.**

SISTERSVILLE, Aug. 22.—Sod has at last been broken by a large force of laborers here for the Tyler Traction Company's trolley line from this city to Middlebourne, the county seat.

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We have inaugurated a series of "Special Department" Sales. Each day goods from one department will be placed on sale at greatly reduced prices, and the price will be for that day only.

**The Greatest Money Saving Opportunities**

of the year will be found here during these sales. Don't fail to take advantage of these "Special Department" Sales—supply your present and future needs at a liberal saving. See windows for Bargain Displays. Watch this paper for announcement of each day's sale. Goods will be placed on sale promptly at 9 o'clock each day.

**Wednesday, August 23d**

**Third Day of Special Department Sales**

**Hosiery, Muslin Underwear, Corsets, Knit Underwear**

**Sale Starts Promptly at 9:00 O'clock**

**\$1.00 AMERICAN LADY CORSETS, 79c**  
**\$1.50 AMERICAN LADY CORSETS, \$1.19**  
**\$2.00 AMERICAN LADY CORSETS, \$1.49**

New models for early fall wear. Large shipments recently received give a large assortment of styles and sizes.

**\$1.50 AND \$2 GOWNS FOR WOMEN 79c**  
Fine Nainsook and Long Cloth are the materials used in these garments. Beautiful trimming in panel effects and Val and Torchon Laces—sizes 15 to 17.

**\$1.50 EXTRA SIZE GOWNS, 89c**  
These garments are made of good quality muslin, extra large sizes, high neck, long sleeves, trimmed with neat embroidery edging.

**\$3.50 MUSLIN PETTICOATS, \$1.98**

A small lot of exclusive styles purchased especially for this sale. Hand-finished garments of exceptional beauty and value.

**\$1.50 AND \$2.00 MUSLIN PETTICOATS AT 98c**

Twenty different styles as to trimming. All new and shown for the first time this week. See window display.

**\$1.50 AND \$2.00 CORSET COVER AND PANTS COMBINATIONS, 79c**

We purchased these goods at a liberal reduction and are offering them at a wonderful saving to you. Trimmed in eyelet

and Madeira Embroidery, Torchon and Val Laces.

**50c GAUZE LISLE HOSE—BLACK ONLY, 2 FOR 79c**

**\$1.00 COLORED SILK HOSE, 49c Pr.**

**\$1.50 PURE THREAD SILK HOSE, BLACK AND COLORS, \$1.19**

**50c BLACK LACE STRIPE HOSE AT 3 PAIRS FOR \$1.00**

**25c AND 35c KNIT UNDERWEAR FOR WOMEN, 19c**

A clearance of all light weight underwear, including Vests, Corset Covers, Pants and Union Suits.

**Thursday, August 24th**

**ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY!**

**Fourth Day of Special Department Sales Brings the Opportunity of the Year**

**to Buy Ready-to-Wear Apparel**

This season's final Clearing Sale, including many new Fall and Winter Garments. Bargains galore. A most unprecedented selling of highest-class merchandise in this city. Attend early and get choice selections. Terms cash.

**All Lingerie Dresses, Marquissette Dresses, Silk Dresses, Broadcloth, Serge and Challie Dresses, Silk Coats, White Serge Skirts, Evening Capes, Silk Petticoats, Silk Kimonos, Tailored Cloth and Linen Suits, Serge Coats, Tailored Linen Dress Skirts, Tailored Linen Waists, Linen Waists Hand Embroidered, High-Grade Batiste Waists.**

**\$10.00 WHITE LINGERIE DRESSES, \$5.98.**  
Beautiful garments made of fine Batiste and handsomely trimmed in laces and embroidery.

**\$12.50 WHITE LINGERIE DRESSES, \$6.98.**  
Exquisite Dresses of Marquissette, Voiles and Batiste, very finest of lace and embroidery trimmings.

**\$22.50 WHITE LINGERIE DRESSES \$12.98.**  
Beautiful creations of Marquissette, Voiles and Batiste, only the handsomest of laces and embroidery used in trimming. Many hand embroidered in white and colors.

**ALL SILK DRESSES AT EXACTLY ONE-HALF FORMER SELLING PRICES.**

Rich, beautiful dresses, Poulards, Messalines, Silk Crepes and Chiffons and Velvet Combinations. One of the handsomest lines of high-class Dresses ever shown in our city. Prices range \$50.00, \$40.00, \$35.00, \$30.00 and \$25.00. Thursday's price, one-half off.

**\$25 BROADCLOTH, SERGE AND CHALLIE DRESSES, \$9.98**  
Handsome dresses in combination of Messalines, handsomely silk braided and trimmed in fine all over laces, chiffon, etc.  
**\$5.00 White Serge Skirts, \$3.89** **\$7.50 White Serge Skirts, \$4.98**  
**\$12.50 White Serge Skirts, \$6.98** Elegant materials, best styles.

**\$18.75, \$16.50 AND \$12.50 LINEN TAILORED SUITS, \$4.98**  
Final Clearance of all fine linen tailored Suits, White, Natural, Wisteria, Gray and Blue shades.

**\$10.00 AND \$7.50 LONG SILK KIMONOS, \$4.98.**  
Beautiful fancy Kimonos, made of finest Jap Silks, oriental and floral designs.

**\$35.00, \$30.00 AND \$25.00 TAILORED SUITS, \$18.50**

Just like buying gold dollars for 50c or 65c a piece. Elegant Tailored Suits, made of fine Broadcloth and best Serges for stout figures, sizes 42 to 57. We want every woman who is interested in extra large size suits to see these timely bargains. Colors tan, gray, blue and black.

**LADIES' LONG BLACK SILK COATS AT HALF PRICE.**  
**\$14.00 Black Silk Coats, \$6.98.**  
**\$22.50 Black Silk Coats, \$10.98.**  
**\$25.00 Black Silk Coats, \$12.98.**

The styles are the very best, all sizes, large line to select from.  
**\$6.98 Evening Capes, \$4.98**  
**\$10.00 Capes, \$6.98.**

Made of Broadcloth, large range of popular shades.  
**\$12.50 Capes, \$8.98**

**\$7.50 SILK PETTICOATS, \$3.79**  
Elegant Silk Petticoats made of Messaline and Taffeta Silk in plain and fancy Dresden and Persian designs. All colors and black.

**\$3.50 TO \$5.00 TAILORED LINEN DRESS SKIRTS, \$1.49**  
Clearance of all Linen Skirts, colors white and natural.

**\$3.50 PLAIN TAILORED LINEN WAISTS, \$1.59**  
The grandest value you ever saw or heard tell of. Strictly all linen waists, even the collar band is all linen, all sizes. Beautiful plain tailored styles.

**\$4.98, \$4.00 AND \$3.50 LINEN AND BATISTE WAISTS \$2.98**  
Beautiful all linen hand embroidered Shirt Waists, also fine Lingerie Waists made of finest Batiste trimmed in dainty tucks and fine embroidery. See window display. Don't overlook this Waist bargain.

**\$25.00 SERGE COATS, \$15.00**

**\$16.50 Serge Coats, \$10.98**  
Full length Coats, colors Blue and Black. All sizes.

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