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### Good Roads in North Carolina.

In North Carolina, where there has been great activity in road-building in recent years, the farmers are finding out that it pays to build good roads. One of the counties now engaged in improving its thoroughfares is Franklin, and this is what a farmer has to say about it in a letter to the Progressive Farmer, of Raleigh:

"About fifteen months ago we people of Franklinton township voted and carried by a small majority a good road law. Then the township of Franklinton issued bond to the amount of \$40,000, to be spent on the roads. Now we have about twenty-five miles of the best roads in the State. I live on one of these roads three miles from town and go to town twice a week.

"I carry with one horse all that my wagon can hold up. It takes me about thirty minutes to carry a load to market now, where it used to take me one hour to carry half a load on the old mud road and I don't come home muddy and wearied from walking and leading my horse and abusing the overseer.

"I go to town about 104 times per year gaining half the time, making fifty-two hours each year. I carry about sixty loads each year and gain half in each load, making thirty loads that I gain. I also gain about four days each year on working bad roads, and I find that our little farms have greatly improved since those good roads have been built.

"I have known but one class of people to suffer from good roads, and that is the woodworkers and blacksmiths, as we have no broken down vehicles now."

That is pretty good evidence, but there is more of the same sort in a letter from another Franklin

county farmer published in the same paper. The letter is too long for reproduction, but in closing the writer says:

"A bond issue is the only way to get the money to build roads. Some object to this on account of placing a debt on future generations. You give them instead of 100 cents on the dollar for what they pay, several times 100 cents on the dollar. Some say it makes high taxes. It reduces taxes. The damage to wagons and teams on bad roads is much more than the tax to build roads. The increase in loads you can carry will more than pay the tax."

The tax payer who prefers to endure bad roads rather than to assume his share of the cost of building good roads will find food for reflection in these letters, embodying, as they do, the views of two practical farmers. These farmers are enjoying the advantages of improved highways after long experience with the disadvantages of bad roads. They know that good roads are worth the money that it requires to build them and it is morally certain that they wouldn't "swap back" to the previous conditions for three times the amount of taxes the improved roads will ever cost them.

The simple fact of the business is that these two North Carolina farmers realize the cost of bad roads. A bad road taxes the farmer in a dozen ways, where the good road taxes him in but one. If the masses of the tax-payers could be made to understand the positive economy in good roads there would be such an era of road improvement in the United States as no country ever saw.—Courier-Journal.

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### Winchester Court.

About 1,500 cattle on the market, and most of them sold. Cows brought 1 1/2 to 4 cents; steers, 3 1/2 to 5 1/2 cents; heifers, 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 cents. Among the sales were the following:

W. E. Little sold 10 yearling steers, 625 lbs., at 4 1/2 cents.

B. S. Bartlett bought a milk cow for \$38.

A. B. Haggard sold a lot of steers at 5 cents; 1 heifer at 4 cents.

J. A. Allen sold a cow, 1,090 lbs., at 5 cents.

G. W. Lewis bought a cow, 930 lbs., at 3 1/2 cents.

W. E. Little bought 12 steers at 4 1/2 cents; 12 steers, 640 lbs., at 4 1/2 cents; sold 10 steers, at 4 1/2 cents.

Leeland Haggard sold a cow, 1,190 lbs., at 4 cents.

L. Stamper sold 2 heifers, 710 lbs., at 4 cents.

J. H. Hogan sold 24 heifers at 4 cents.

W. E. Little sold 10 steers, 575 lbs., at 4 1/2 cents.

Zach Conner sold a lot of steers at 5 cents.

J. D. Rees sold 2 steers 810 lbs., at 4 1/2 cents.

Weil bought a steer, 860 lbs., at 3 1/2 cents; 9 steers, 650 lbs., and 5 steers, 615 lbs., at 4 1/2 cents.

Roy Scott sold a heifer, 620 lbs., at 3 1/2 cents.

A large number of weanling mules were on the market, but very few were sold. Buyers claimed they were not worth as much by ten dollars each as they were last court and holders were not willing to make the desired concession.—Winchester Democrat.

The Rev. Robt. N. Bush has returned from Conference. He has been sent to West Liberty circuit, and the Rev. W. P. Fryman comes to Clay City. The West Liberty circuit pays nearly twice what the work does at Clay City. We regret to lose Bro. Bush and hoped to see him returned here, but for his betterment it is good that he goes to West Liberty.

While Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Pettitt and children were en route to Williamsburg last week to visit relatives they bought a lunch which, after arriving at Williamsburg, made them very sick and it was with great difficulty that some of their lives were saved with the aid of two physicians.

Fred Blackburn of the firm Hardwick & Co. is in Cincinnati this week buying goods for his firm. This up-to-date firm can be depended upon to furnish their many customers with every requirement. See advertisement in the next issue of the Times.

The Hon. A. Floyd Byrd was in the city Friday looking after his candidacy for Congress, and found Clay City like most other places in the district, the Democrats all in line with several Republican followers.

Everything has gone up but the Times, and it is not going up. It has raised the subscription price instead and can now live.

### Help "Star" the State.

The motto of the Civic Department of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs is: "Help us Star our State." This sentence is explained in a leaflet issued by them as follows: Every county seat in Kentucky which has a Civic Organization or a Woman's Club, is a star upon our map.

Forty-seven have starred county seats.

There are seventy-two county seats not starred.

Next year at the State Federation meeting a map will be unveiled on Star night showing where we have clubs. Will your county be counted in?

The retiring president will present a gavel to the county outside of Jefferson winning the largest number of stars.

There are three ways in which you can help:

1. Organize a Civic League or Club in your town composed of women or better still, both men and women.

2. Organize Junior Civic Leagues in your schools.

If you can do neither of these things send to Mrs. B. L. Banks, of Richmond, who is the Chairman of the Civic Department, the name of someone who might be interested in the work. By so doing you will help us Star the State.

Judge Fletcher has started up his broom factory in this city. The new crop of corn is good, but little is raised in this county, though most farmers raise enough to have their own brooms made.

Postmaster W. G. Patrick, of Kimbrell, was in the city Monday. Mr. Patrick has bought property at Wilmore, Jessamine county, and will sell out and move there at once.

State Senator E. E. Bertram, of Albany, was nominated for Congress by the Democrats to oppose Caleb Powers in the Eleventh district.

J. B. Eaton sold to Mr. McPhearson several head of yearling steers at 4 and 4 1/2 cents per pound and some heifers at 3 1/2 cents.

Mr. Sam C. Ringo and Miss Ada Potts both of this city were married Saturday afternoon, Elder J. T. Turpin officiating.

Dr. J. L. Brown, who was located at Clay City for a short time last year, has located at Frenchburg to practice medicine.

Why are some newspapers like a man with cold feet? Because they suffer from poor circulation.

### Stray Horse.

Strayed from R. L. Shimfessel's place Wednesday night, July 14th, large gray horse with head swollen. Will pay anyone for his keep and trouble of notifying me of his finding. Stephen Short, Estill county. Iron Mound, Ky.

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### Gumption on the Farm.

One forward look is worth forty backward glances.

How some folks do enjoy rolling up their sleeves, and then—blossing the job that somebody else does.

The cultivating season is over and all tools should be cleaned up and housed. One winter's exposure to the weather will do tools more harm than several years' use.

A good growth of rye plowed in next spring will give you more and better potatoes. But you'll have to get it in right off or you won't have much growth to plow under.

Build the line fence strong enough to keep your own and your neighbors' stock on the right side, but do not have it so high that it will prevent you from being neighborly.

About this time of the year things get pretty hot in the political pot. Let 'em sizzle! You just keep cool! If you talk politics with your neighbors, be reasonable. Loud talk and yelling never convinced anybody.

Soon the hunters will be out town, tramping over your fields and pastures, killing your feathered friends and disturbing if not injuring your stock. It is well to be neighborly, but the birds served you faithfully through the year by destroying millions of bugs and insects, and it is your duty to protect them now. Do it.—From October Farm Journal.

Master Harry O'Rear is visiting his cousin, Johnnie Fitch, at Lexington.

The marrigae on last Sunday of Mr. Willie Miller and Miss Minnie Lyle, at Stanton, was quite a surprise to their many friends, only a few having been let into the secret. They left Furnace Sunday morning and drove to Stanton where they were married by Rev. Hanley, of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Miller is the youngest son of Jno. P. Miller and is a most exemplary young man. He is at present teaching school at Fittsburg. The bride is a daughter of G. W. Lyle, Jr., and is a most lovable young lady. These young people enter upon their matrimonial life with the best wishes of a host of friends.—Estill Herald.

At the last statement made by the national banks of the country the resources were given as \$9,826,181,452 and reserves \$1,347,713,686.

### Merchants Praise

Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. J. W. McDaniel, Etherton, Ill., says; There is no medicine which equals it for coughs, colds, Grippe, asthma and Bronchitis. Look for the Bell on the Bottle.

John W. Henry, the photographer, for the next thirty days will make your photo for you. If you want pictures go see him and let him do your work while you can get it.

Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey For Coughs and Colds.

## When you are Ready for your Spring Suit...

We are ready for you. The new spring styles we are showing in men's and young men's suits will appeal to the most critical and exacting dresser.

It will pay you to see the excellent range of styles, patterns and colors we are showing. We have clothing that is appropriate for men in every walk of life. Come in and glance through—you will appreciate the grace, drape, style and excellence of fit and finish.

We are showing a splendid line of Men's Spring Suits.

The fabrics were tested and well selected—much care given to the cutting and making—the fit and finish will stand the closest scrutiny. We honestly believe them the finest garments in the State, and you'll agree with us once you see them.



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