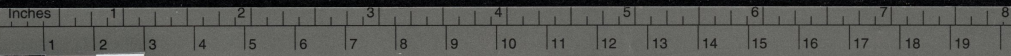


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It is gratifying to see that the  
interest in good roads is so  
rapidly increasing in N.C.  
and that the work begun  
the past winter is bringing  
forth such an abundant  
crop of in the large and  
intelligent audience - an  
assemblage of practical  
men for the discussion  
of practical questions.

There are few economic  
questions of greater im-  
portance to our people  
than this one of public  
roads - In order to meet

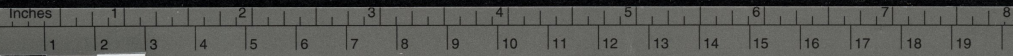


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with success every movement of this kind must be accompanied with a large amount of educational work - in fact I believe it is the only way to accomplish the desired end - Our people will take hold of it slowly, but the movement has already made decided progress in certain sections and I am pleased to see these counties taking so much interest in this matter so fully and ably represented here



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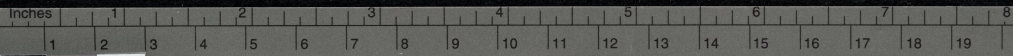
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Tonight -

What we most need is information based on actual experience and beneficial results reached in these counties, so that representatives from other parts of the State will then be able to decide to what extent these same methods can be adopted in their own districts.

These counties have for years been using convict labor and improved road machinery and their



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delegates, have no doubt  
come prepared to give  
accurate information as  
to cost and whether it  
pays to do this. ~~It is~~  
~~to be hoped~~ I see from  
your faces you are all  
business men, here for  
a business purpose and  
I feel sure the limited time  
of the body will be taken up  
only with the discussion of  
facts.

