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WE are in receipt of the Post Almanac for 1897, issued by the Washington Post. The Almanac is especially valuable. It gives information concerning anything you may wish to know. This book would be an addition to any library. The Washington Post is one of the best daily papers published, out-spoken, fearless and impartial, it has reached the highest mark in journalism. A copy of the Almanac can be secured by enclosing 25 cents to the Post, Washington, D. C.

PROBABLY one of the most sensible bills introduced in the Legislature, now in session at Raleigh, is the one that imposes a tax of fifteen cents per package on cigarettes. This bill if passed will do a great amount of good. While it might not prevent the sale of them in the State it would have a tendency to reduce the number used. Not many would care to smoke cigarettes when they were compelled to pay a tax of 15 cents beside the regular price.

GOOD ROADS.

A committee was appointed by the legislature now in session to inspect the roads of Mecklenburg county (which, by the way, are the best country roads in our State) and report to that body the result of their investigation.

The Charlotte Observer of Sunday devotes a goodly portion of their space to the visit of these gentlemen and also gives some reading that should interest us all. The information given is not based on an estimate, but is the outcome of actual experience, as this county has for some time been at work improving their roads. To day it stands as a model of what a county with plenty of "push" can accomplish in this work.

The following taken from the Observer shows the cost of such work:

Price paid to farmers for stone delivered and piled on road ready to be crushed, 40cts per cubic yard.

About 100 convicts usually work. Cost of roads about \$2,800 per mile.

Cost to maintain and guard convicts, 25cts each per day.

Worked in gangs of 50.

Two gangs in Mecklenburg county Each has an outfit of machinery.

Each outfit of machinery costs about as follows:

Engine and boiler.....\$ 800
Crushes, etc.....800
Roller.....500
Teams, tools, etc.....2,500

Total.....\$4,600

The steam roller is put down at \$500. There are two in the county. One cost \$350; the other \$2,800.

The people on the Vanderbilt estate say that horse power roller is better than a steam roller.

It is through that \$5,000 is needed for any country for a plant to crush and separate stone.

The tax is seven-tenths of one mill and not over 20 cts per hundred dollars.

Prof. Holmes says that the cost of hauling to the farmers of the State, exceeded by five million dollars per year what it ought to be. The money spent to make good roads would be more than well spent.

The members of committee could plainly see how rich counties could duplicate the method and machinery of Mecklenburg, but what would the poor counties do? A crushing outfit would cost about \$4,000, at the least.

Some thought the State might stop farming and put 1,000 convicts on the road. These State convicts to build main State roads. This would require the purchase of 20 outfits of machinery at a total cost of seventy-five to eighty thousand dollars. Omitting teams possibly fifty thousand dollars would suffice to buy twenty outfits for crushing stones, to start with. The farmers could furnish the stone except in some few localities, where railroads would haul it at cost.

The cost to maintain, keep and guard 1,000 convicts would be about \$100 per year each. The total for the 1,000 would be \$100,000. These should build 100 miles of road per year. The state could make no better investment.

The above is cheaper than Mecklenburg's roads, but it should cover the cost as in many parts of the State the roads need not be so well graded as in Mecklenburg; and on a large scale the State ought to build cheaper.

The counties should build branch and subordinate roads. In poor counties the State machinery could be rented to crush stone.

There are enough convicts in our penitentiary to accomplish this. Let the State abandon their farms and put those now on them at work to give us good roads throughout the State.

Then after this has been done, nothing will prevent returning to the farm.

If the State would organize this work those counties which are at present financially unable to build such thoroughfares would exert themselves to do their part.

That good roads are essential to the progress of any community and that the country roads of this section of our State are not of the best are two facts that all must admit.

It has been proven by experience that with good roads the year round the farmer is better able to market his produce, hence all classes of trade in the different towns which he patronizes will be more active.

We trust that the State officials will devise some means by which we may have roads throughout the country that will be a source of pride to the old North State.

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LITERARY NOTES.

The President's Daily Routine.

Ex-President Harrison has written of "A Day with the President at his Desk" for the March Ladies Home Journal. The article is said to be singularly interesting in the detail when it describes the wearisome routine of the President. It is said that General Harrison, in this article, has delivered himself with great directness and vigor, relative to the annoyances that are visited upon a Chief Executive by persistent office-seekers, and he suggests a unique plan, by which the President's burdens in that direction could be greatly lightened, and he be enabled to devote more attention to more important matters. A feature of the article that will have a timely interest to those ambitious to serve the country under the incoming administration, describes very fully how the President makes appointments to office. "A Day with the President at His Desk" is unique in being the first time that the daily life of the President has been described by one who has filled the exalted office. Articles upon the social and domestic life of the President by General Harrison will follow in successive issues of the Journal.

Godey's for March.

Godey's Magazine for March is notable for the variety of its topics and the versatility of its general make up. The leading article on "Pastime Photography" shows what pleasing work can be done by a skillful use of the camera and living models. It is fully illustrated with quaint and pretty pictures.

Following this is "Modern Art in Piano Building," illustrated with pictures of the most beautiful instruments of recent make. These pictures will surprise many people. "Dresden Opera" receives treatment, with illustrations, and will interest not only musical people but general readers, as well.

Among the "specials" of timely interest is "Handsome Newspaper Women," with portraits, in which Miss Helen Winslow of the Boston Transcript describes the life and work of several prominent beautiful women of the press.

An especially timely and interesting feature of the magazine is "Among the Ferns," by Charles F. Saunders, with drawings from living ferns by Elizabeth Moore Hallowell. Fern lovers will find in this article much that is helpful and pleasing. Practical topics are covered well in "Standard Time and Time-Tables," by a railroad man, and by "Sam Johnsing" who discourses feelingly of the Decadence of Negro Minstrelsy; and the literary treat of the month is found in the "Bookery" where Cheliefew writes of the "New England of Mary Wilkins." Address The Godey Company, Lafayette Place, New York.

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The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Wilson having decided to enlarge the Electric Light Plant offers for sale a 90 Horse Power Engine. The Engine is in good order and can be seen at work at Light Station any night, and will be sold at a bargain. Call and examine. By order of Board of Commissioners. JNO. R. MOORE, Clerk. February 16, 1897. 7-4t

MORTGAGE SALE.

By virtue of the power contained in a certain mortgage to Boykin & Co. by G. E. Farmer and wife, and recorded in the Register's office of Wilson county, N. C., in Book 36, page 294, we will sell on Thursday, Feb. 11th, 1897, at public auction to the highest bidder at the Court House door in Wilson, N. C., the following described real estate: One house and lot lying and being situated on Tarboro street in town of Wilson, N. C., adjoining the lands of H. H. Hutchinson and G. E. Farmer, bounded as follows: Beginning at H. H. Hutchinson's corner on Tarboro street, north-east 210 feet to Hutchinson's corner, east 88 feet to G. E. Farmer's corner, with G. E. Farmer's line 210 feet to Tarboro street, with Tarboro street 88 feet to the beginning, containing 2.5 of an acre more or less. The lot now occupied by John Snakenburg. Term of sale CASH. 27-2-4t. BOYKIN & Co.

SALE OF LAND.

By virtue of the power contained in a decree of the Superior Court of Wilson county, rendered by the Clerk thereof in the special proceeding entitled N. J. Mayo, guardian of George Brown, and Lou Mayo Brown, Ex parte, approved and confirmed by the Judge of the Superior Court for the third judicial district in North Carolina, I shall sell before the Court House door in Wilson, N. C., at public auction, on Monday, the first day of March, 1897, the land described in the petition filed in said proceedings, to wit: A certain tract of land lying and being in Wilson county, N. C., adjoining the lands of J. W. Barnes, E. G. D. Barnes, M. R. Boykin and others, known as the John S. Boykin land, containing 327 1/2 acres, more or less, upon the following terms: The purchase price is to be paid in six equal installments, evidenced by the sealed notes or bonds of the purchaser to the commissioner, all bearing interest at 6 per cent per annum, due and payable respectively on January first, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902 and 1903. Title reserved until all of said bonds are paid, and upon default in payment of any one of said bonds, at maturity, all said bonds to become due immediately and said land to be resold for the payment thereof. N. J. MAYO, Commissioner. This Jan. 28th, 1897. By Staton & Johnson, Attys. 27-4-5t

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as Executors of the last will and testament of Lemuel Sullivan, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them for payment on or before the 7th day of December, 1897, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. And all parties indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. NATHAN SULLIVAN, WM. T. SULLIVAN, Executors. This Dec. 9th, 1896. 49-6t