

The Wilmington Morning Star says in a recent issue that Senator Simmons early after his election to the Senate demonstrated his ability and influence, and it is flattering to North Carolinians to note how Senator Overman is growing at Washington.

It is said that the enactment of the large appropriation for the insane of the state means that there will be no reformatory measure enacted at this term of the legislature. We do not see any good reason for this. While the amount apportioned for the insane is half a million dollars, yet one-fourth of it is to be paid each year until all is paid. Under the wise and economic administration of the state affairs we can easily spare another \$50,000 for providing for a reformatory.

We heartily agree with the Charlotte Observer and many other newspapers in North Carolina who say that the enactment of the bill on Wednesday of last week appropriating half a million dollars for the insane of the state, is an extraordinary occurrence and a crown of glory for the legislature. North Carolina at last is to provide for all her insane, and is to do it without any great delay. The General Assembly of 1907 will be remembered for this wise and generous act if they were to enact no other legislation. Senator Blair of this district, was anxious to have a bond issue and give the whole \$500,000 now so that the state might have the benefit of it at once. In this, many of Senator Blair's most progressive and intelligent constituents, as well as others in the state, were in entire and hearty accord; but a majority in their judgment thought it better to appropriate the \$125,000 a year as this could easily be done.

Justice in his letter in the Union Republican complains because a majority of the jurors in Chatham county are Democrats and because a white man who was a Republican, indicted for retailing, went to a court officer recently and asked him to put some of his party friends on the jury when the defendant's lawyer would object to some of the jury in the box. The court officer told the defendant right out, so says Justice, that he could not, for he had been ordered not to call Republicans in the jury box. We do not know how true it is, but we have been informed that in Chatham county as in some other counties when certain Republicans are indicted they have been known to get some of their political friends in the courthouse to stand around so that they could be called on the jury in their case; and a friend of ours suggests that he is not surprised that the court officer of Chatham county has been instructed and authorized not to call any such "hangers-on" to sit upon the rights of any one. A man who would ask for his party friends to be called on a jury because they are his party friends, is as bad a man as the public officer who will call only members of a certain political party to sit in judgment. What we need in North Carolina and everywhere else are jurors who are fair and impartial and are selected with a view to their fitness and not to their political complexion.

The Lancaster, South Carolina, News is one of the newspapers outside the state which has observed the manner and methods of the Superior Court judges in dealing with the violation of the liquor laws in North Carolina. The News in a recent article has this to say of one of Judge Neal's judgments: "We like North Carolina's way of dealing with blind tigers. At Newbern on Thursday four white men, convicted of selling liquor, were sentenced to two years each on the roads, and two blind tiger negroes, were given 18 months each." We could cite many instances similar to that in Judge Justice's, Judge Cook's, Judge Moore's, and, in fact, at different times during the past three years in the courts of all the judges of the Superior Court in this

state. And the law has been executed so well that the temperance measures in North Carolina are no longer matters of experiment; they have passed that realm; and the sentiment is so crystallized that our temperance legislation is now more approved by the people of the entire state, regardless of political complexion, than at any previous time in the history of the state. The sentiment is growing gradually, but surely. It is true there are places in the state that it is difficult to enforce prohibition, and it is exceedingly doubtful whether it is wise to have prohibition in the largest towns.

The South asked for the establishment of one sub-treasury somewhere south of the Potomac River. It was located elsewhere, of course. Now the southern Republican office-holders, sap suckers say that the reason we did not get it in Atlanta or some other progressive southern state, is because there was a difference of opinion among our people as to where it should go, and that that caused the death of the entire project. Was there ever a sub-treasury or anything else established in the North and West that there was not a quarrel and wrangle about where it should be located?

Justice in the last issue of the Union Republican, takes a whack at Maj. H. A. London, Editor of the Chatham Record, because he recently sued the railroad for a penalty for failure to deliver freight. He says that Maj. London is now a representative in the legislature and, no doubt, rode to Raleigh on a pass. In this, Postmaster Reynolds who writes under the name of "Justice," is mistaken, as he has been in a great many other things. Mr. London is not a member of the legislature and has not gone to Raleigh over the railroad which he sued, in many years. We have no interest in any fight between Maj. London and the Winston-Salem postmaster, but we say this in passing merely to keep matters straight.

There are no paved sidewalks in Muskogee, Indian Territory, and in rainy weather the mud is six inches deep. There are a number of young women employed in the government offices there under the Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians. These young ladies will ask Congress to give them the privilege to wear pants, if the streets are not cleaned and improved. The petition sets forth that they pin their dress skirts around their waists when they go out to walk; and sets forth that while the street cars are running in the middle of the street the women cannot reach them because the streams of water on both sides of the track are so deep that they cannot wade them, and as there are no canoes and they cannot swim, conditions are intolerable. The petition closes with the following language: "Now, therefore, in view of the fact that the petitioners have to walk and have the manners of God's noblest creature, 'man,' we respectfully pray that we may be allowed to wear forked clothes, thereby adding very much to our bodily and mental comfort, as well as better being able to perform our duties as humble servants of the government." There are other places than Muskogee where it is impossible for the ladies to cross the streets without wading knee deep in the mud, slush and water; one of those places is Asheboro. Such has been the case at different times this winter.

The Goose, the Wise. American Farmer. A farmer would scarcely believe that a goose requires only about sixty hours in order to prepare it for the footlights and critical audience, and that a common pig will in thirty hours be competent to blossom forth as an actor. According to Mr. Clyde Powers, trainer of wide experience and much patience, it takes a duck about three days to learn how to march on the stage, to follow the chorus, and to march off again at the proper time; it takes a chicken a week or more, and a turkey cannot grasp the art of acting before six months' time. Mr. Powers has tried to train a peafowl, but he finds that it is impossible. A goose is the most intelligent of all the feathered tribes, and a goose is also the only one of the domestic fowls that shows affection.

RURAL LIBRARIES IN THE STATE.

111,880 Volumes Are Now Available For 139,403 Children in the State Out of 709,185.

The reading habit is growing by leaps and bounds among the children of North Carolina, the inauguration of the rural library system for the public schools of North Carolina in 1901 having proved a great success as shown by the increasing number of school districts that have taken up the work.

In the six years the system has been in vogue it has proved so successful that many States are following the lead of North Carolina in the work. There are now in the State 1,572 libraries, for which there has been spent \$51,144 by the State, counties and districts. In the libraries there are 141,880 volumes and with an average of 93 children to a school district there are now 139,403 children who have access to the libraries, while in the State there are 709,182 children.

While all the funds for the past year are exhausted there will be available in the next two years sufficient funds to establish 500 libraries and 500 supplemental libraries, thus placing the riches of good literature within the reach of many more thousand children in the State.—Goldboro Argus.

SIXTY-YEAR FIGHT FOR \$5.

Suit For Ownership of Small Strip of Land Settled After Much Litigation.

Allentown, Pa. Feb. 21.—Dragged through the courts for over sixty years, the lawsuit of Andrew Camp vs. William Zimmerman has been finally decided in court here. The litigants were leading farmers in the upper end of Lehigh county, and the dispute arose over a strip of land worth about \$5. It is 1,800 feet long and in width, from four to twenty-three feet.

The litigation began when Zimmerman cut down a chestnut tree on the property. The men and their families, although neighbors, have not spoken together for half a century. The case has been in the Supreme Court at least three times, and no less than \$100,000 has been spent in lawyers' fees and other costs in the litigation.

The Holy Sepulchre at Easter.

A great ceremony in Jerusalem is on Easter Saturday, and commemorates the ancient tradition of the Coelestrial Fire that was said to rise from the Tomb of Christ.

The Greek Patriarch enters the sanctuary of the Sepulchre, the door closes behind him, and the surging, tossing, tumultuous multitude await the coming of the Fire. Suddenly out of the right-hand window in the wall of the Sepulchre shoot flames of fire, and in an instant every one of the thousands has produced a candle and dashes madly forward to light it at the Mystic Fire.

The light thus taken from the Holy Sepulchre is instantly carried to all the Christian villages round about Jerusalem, and fleet-footed young men vie with one another in being first to light their local shrines with the Divine Flame. The writer has seen two rival runners put down their candles and indulge in a sanguinary battle with knives and sticks until the light of one of them is put out. There is no joke meant here; but each is striving desperately to extinguish the flame of the other.—The Travel Magazine.

Judge Pritchard Now for Prohibition.

The Biblical Recorder prints the following message from United States Judge and ex-Senator Pritchard, addressed by him to the prohibition convention in Raleigh last month, but not delivered:

"I think that the convention should take a decided stand in favor of absolute prohibition in every county in the State, anything short of this will, in my judgment, prove disastrous to the cause which we all love so dearly. I am opposed to dispensaries or other expedients which are intended as a compromise with the liquor traffic. The adoption of such measures tends to strengthen rather than weaken the cause of those who are in favor of the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors."

This is not nearly so strange as it would be if Judge Pritchard professed to be a Democrat.

A bill passed the Senate last week to protect deer, pheasants and grouse in certain counties in North Carolina, these being Chatham, Davidson, Guilford, Montgomery, Richmond, Scotland, Stanley, Forsyth, Rockingham, Surry, Stokes, Watauga, Ashe, Yadkin, Wilkes and Moore. One hundred and fifty Minnesota deer will be turned loose in these counties and thousands of pheasants and grouse.

A patent has been issued to Mr. C. R. Traxler, of Winston-Salem, on his automatic switch operating machine invented a year or more ago.

Loss By Land and Sea.

The unprecedented number of railway wrecks had further confirmed the prevalent opinion that the accidents by sea are far less numerous than those by land, but recent occurrences seem to indicate that the horrors in the loss of life, both by land and sea, are fearful. It was only a few months ago that there was a series of wrecks on the Southern and B & O railroads. On Feb'y 12th, the steamer Larchmont went down off Black Island, and nearly one hundred people travelling from New York to Boston sank to the bottom of the sea. Only three days later, a train on one of the finest roads in the world in the suburbs of New York city, had a wreck which sent scores to their doom in the twinkling of an eye. In just five days after this on Feb'y 21st, the Channel Steamer Berlin hurrying along went to pieces a few hundred feet from land, and only 15 out of 143 ill-fated passengers were saved. Is this daily butchery to go on? Is the Angel of Death like the Angel of the Last Judgment with "one foot upon the land and the other upon the sea" to destroy the people in these terrors both on land and sea, or will the people demand more care and safety?

Frank Short completed his seven-year term in the South Carolina penitentiary Friday. When released he was immediately arrested and returned to North Carolina charged with robbing the post-office at Plymouth, Washington county in 1898.

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At all druggists or mailed by

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Full stock of new 'Ponjador' massage cream, perfume, and toilet water. Something new and fine. Asheboro Drug Co.

If in need of a good, cheap power, remember that we sell the INTERNATIONAL GASOLINE ENGINE. Don't fail to see us before buying. McCARY-REDDING HOWE CO.

Call and see our new Easter and Souvenir postal cards. Asheboro Drug Co.

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We have some loggins on hand that we will sell at the old price. Call to see us before they go. McCARY-REDDING HOWE CO.

All the new March magazines can be had at the Asheboro Drug Co.

WANTED STAVES—Highest cash prices paid for all kinds of staves for Norfolk market. Apply to E. A. Hammer, Asheboro, N. C.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the present General Assembly of North Carolina to amend the charter of the town of Asheboro with reference to the method of working the streets and other public improvements and to authorize the town commissioners to require adjacent property owners to put down concrete or other side walks where permanent street improvements have been made.

E. MORTON, Mayor.

Jan. 30, 1907.

NOTICE.

M. C. Jones has this day entered the following land in Randolph County to wit: A tract of 20 acres more or less of land in Cedar Grove Township, Randolph County, N. C., on the waters of Haw Branch adjoining the lands of Daniel Lowe, S. A. Coltrane, Daniel Linticum and others, for which without objection filed within thirty days from this date, he will ask for a warrant of survey to the County Surveyor of Randolph County.

J. P. BOCCIANI, Entry Taker.

This Feb. 18 1907.

LAND SALE.

By virtue of an order of sale granted by the Superior Court of Randolph county on the petition of B. M. Reeves against Jesse Cox et al. I shall at the courthouse door in Asheboro at 12 o'clock M. on the 30th day of March 1907, the following Real Estate, to-wit: A tract of land in Richmond township, in said county adjoining the lands of H. A. Albright and others bounded as follows to-wit: Beginning at a white oak E. W. Cox's corner by a small branch and running south 22 chains and 31 links to a post oak in Hugh Moffitt's line; thence on his line 4 chains and 31 links to his corner a black jack; thence south on his line 9 chains and 31 links to a stake in his line; thence west 37 chains and 32 links to a post oak; thence north 31 chains and 61 links to a line; thence east on said Cox's line to the beginning, containing 96 acres more or less. Take 25th day of February 1907. JOHN T. BRITAIN, Comr.

Advertisement for Scott's Emulsion. Includes text: 'Is your baby thin, weak, fretful? Make him a Scott's Emulsion baby. Scott's Emulsion is Cod Liver Oil and Hypophosphites prepared so that it is easily digested by little folks. Consequently the baby that is fed on Scott's Emulsion is a sturdy, rosy-cheeked little fellow full of health and vigor.' ALL DRUGGISTS; 50c. AND \$1.00.

Advertisement for Bull Dog Suspenders. Includes image of a man wearing suspenders and a dog. Text: 'Bull Dog SUSPENDERS MODEL B OUT-WEAR THREE ORDINARY KINDS For comfortable, satisfactory wear there is nothing so good as Bull Dog Suspenders, that give with every move. Have more rubber, better parts and greater service than any other suspender made. Try a pair. Money cheerfully refunded if not satisfied. Made for man and youth in regular or extra lengths, light, heavy or extra heavy, as desired. 50 cents at all Dealers, or by mail, postpaid HEWES & POTTER Dept. 87 Lincoln St. BOSTON, MASS. Value the single book? Buy it if you mention this magazine.'

Advertisement for Randolph Hardware Co. Includes text: 'Randolph Hardware Co. ATTENTION! We want our friends and prospective customers to know that G. W. Elliott & Co. has added a first-class Hardware Store, with full line, all new, no old rusty stock, but everything bought right from the manufacturer. SEE! SEE! We will exchange anything in our line for country produce through the well-known firm of G. W. Elliott & Co. at highest market price. We invite you to call and inspect our stock whether you purchase or not. Your needs are our aims. We keep what you want. RANDOLPH HARDWARE CO., Opposite G. W. Elliott's New Store. Randleman, N. C.'

Advertisement for Furniture and Undertaker. Includes image of a chair and text: 'Furniture and Undertaker. I am now carrying a complete line of all kinds of house furnishing goods such as Room Suites from \$11.00 to \$100.00, Iron Beds, Wardrobes, Chiffoniers, Sideboards, Odd Dressers, Safes and Kitchen Cabinets, Hall and Wall Racks, Chairs and Dining Chairs, Tables, Center Tables, Clocks and Pictures. A complete line of Bed Clothing, Mattings, Carpet, Druggets Rugs, Window Curtains and Shades; also an up-to-date line of Undertaker's goods such as Coffins, Caskets and robes. See me before buying when in need of any thing in my line. O. R. FOX, Successor to KEARNS & FOX, Asheboro, N. C.'