CONCERNING A REFORMATORY.

The Children's Home Society of Greensboro Not Doing the Work Intended by Proposed Manual Training School—The Women Pained at the Position Taken by Prominent Carolinians.

To the Editor of The Observer:

Will you let me say one more word concerning the reformatory, or manual training school? The women who have been so deeply interested in establishing such an institution in the State have heard, from several sources, that Mr. Streeter, the gentleman from Indiana, who is at the head of the Children's Home Society, in Greensboro, has been prophesying the failure of this movement and says we cannot get a law passed by the present Legislature for such a purpose.

We do not desire in any way to belittle his work, nor his influence, but we do wish to say that his work and what we are bent on doing are not in the same line of charitable work, nor should be so considered. Therefore we hope the good women, who have placed their hands to this work, will not be dismayed or discouraged, nor will our Representatives in Raleigh be led into error or be persuaded not to listen to us or give us what we are working and asking for.

Now, the work done by Mr. Streeter is very laudable, fine and much-needed one, but that it can take the place of a reformatory, is out of the question. He takes from infants in arms up to large girls and boys and finds homes for them and we propose to take boys who are criminally inclined and reform them, morally, mentally, physically and give them a Christian training, and teach them some occupation by which they can make an honest and decent living when they go out into the world. Ever since Mr. Streeter came from Indiana to North Carolina, three years ago, he has been well treated by the people of this State and supported his work entirely by their contributions.

During the last session of the Legislature he came before it and asked for an appropriation and at the same time the women were asking for an appropriation for a reformatory, and the legislators were not posted on the question, and consequently to get rid of them, thew were both told there was no money in the treasury. Now I feel the members of this Legislature are much better posted on the subject. Mr. Streeter seems to think he can tack on the reformatory to his work, but any one who has ever studied the question at all knows that idea, I may say, is almost absurd.

We hope that Mr. Streeter and his influential friends, of whom he seems to have many, cannot in any way be able to interfere with the establishing of a reformatory after the good people of this State have spoken out and demanded the establishing of such an institution.

Furthermore, we, the women in this movement, were pained beyond expression at the position taken by Governor Glenn, Dr. B. F. Dixon, Josephus Daniel and other prominent men. We feel that Governor Glenn took a very unfortunate position in his message to the Legislature concerning the reformatory; one that is calculated to persuade the legislators against it.

With the oft-expressed opinions and wishes of the people in the State for better things, makes us feel that the Governor has been influenced by some myserious power to err just here. This young criminal class in our State must be cared for and now. How any man, with the love of our State and her people in his heart, can oppose this movement, we cannot for a minute, understand. As I have said before, we do not ask for a big appropriation to be put in handsome buildings of brick and stone, but we desire to start in a small way, see what we can accomplish, then grow according to our needs. We do not intend to have any prison bars, nor uniforms of any sort for the inmates. Just a moral atmosphere in which to reform and rejuvenate the wayward and neglected children.

MRS. L. W. FAISON.

WOODMEN CONCERT TO-NIGHT

Attractive Programme Arranged for Concert in the City Hall To-Night.

The Woodmen of the World have arranged an exceedingly interesting programme for the musical concert to be given at the city hall this evening under the immediate supervision of the Hornet's Nest Camp. It is as follows:

Overture, ... By Band
Remarks, ... By Consul Commander Roy G. A. Cage
Quartette, "The Heart's True Aim is Love," Invincible Quartette
Selection, ... H. M. Swann
Poor Old Joe, By Messrs. Jones, Presson and Starnes
Serenade, ... By Band
Selection, ... By Aerial Quartette
Selection, ... By H. M. Swann
Instrumental Solo ... Harvey Overcash
School Master, White, Starnes and Presson
Andante and Waltz, "Shades of Evening," (Robert Herndon), By Band
Ye Olden Time Singing Lesson, By Invincible Quartette.
The Flag ... By Band
"Columbia," and "Victor" Talking Machine Selections, Donated by The Charlotte Music Co.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

A Man Secures a Divorce on Scriptural Grounds—Law Suit Over a Cow.

Two cases were tried in the Superior Court yesterday. The first was a divorce. Ely M. Smith, represented by Stewart & McRae, was granted a divorce from his wife, Mrs. Fannie R. Smith, on scriptural grounds. The second case disposed of was that of W. S. Clanton vs. W. H. Price, in which the plaintiff was suing for the possession of a jersey cow. Mr. Clanton was represented by Mr. Hugh W. Harris and Price, a colored man, by Mr. F. Marion Redd. The case was decided in favor of the negro, the jury refusing to give Mr. Clanton the cow.

The case of Harry J. Overcarsh vs. the Charlotte Electric Railway, Light and Power Company was taken up yesterday afternoon and will be finished this afternoon probably. Overcarsh is suing for $5,000 on account of injuries sustained in an accident on the street railway. His leg was broken in an accident about two years ago.

Knights of Columbus Return

The large party of Charlotte citizens, members of Charlotte Council, Knights of Columbus, which took part in the K. of C. ceremonial in Wilmington Sunday night and yesterday, will return to the city this morning. The delegation consists of about 20 members, with Territorial Deputy J. W. Conway in charge. The Wilmington council is one of the most enthusiastic in the State. A class of 40 new members were initiated at this ceremonial.

Funeral of Miss Essie Suggs.

The funeral of Miss Essie Suggs took place at the home of Mrs. Emily Suggs, on East Templeton avenue, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. William Duncan. The interment was at Elmwood.

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IN THE CITY POLICE COURT

Demi-mondes Forfeit Bonds—John Black Fined $25 for Tearing Quarantine Sign From His House—Blind Tiger in Limbo—Other Cases Dispensed of.

The feature of yesterday morning's session of the city police court was to have been the trial of a trio of the denizens of the tenderloin section, but there was an unexpected turn of affairs.—Pauline Harris and Trixy Taylor, two of the offenders, took French leave Sunday night, forfeiting bonds of $25 each. Jennie Price appeared, but her case was continued until this morning, when more evidence will be produced and other warrants issued probably. The row in the tenderloin Saturday night may pan out better than was expected. Several young men of the city have been summoned to appear this morning as witnesses.

John Black, a white man, was arraigned on the charge of violating a city ordinance by tearing down a quarantine sign that City Physician F. O. Hawley had placed in front of his house on account of a case of scarlet fever. Recorder Shannonhouse considered the offence pretty grave and fined Black $25 and the costs. He afterwards reduced it to $10 and costs, however.

Reuben Barnes, colored, was charged with an assault on his wife, Carrie Barnes, with a revolver, slightly more than two years ago. He was bound over to the Superior Court and sent to jail in default of a bond of $200.

Gusta Douglas, colored, was bound over in two cases for blind tiger operations, being sent to jail in default of bond.

R. L. Rogers, white, was fined $10 and the costs for drunkenness.

Will McDonald, colored, was fined $5 for getting drunk and using uncomplimentary language to the guests and attendants at the cafe of Type Rivers.

WILL DISCUSS NEW CHARTER.

Committee Appointed by Mayor S. S. McNinch Will Meet at the City Hall This Afternoon.

Mayor S. S. McNinch has called a meeting of the committee appointed to revise the city's charter in view of the extension of the city limits to be held at the council chamber at the city hall this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The meeting is called for the purpose of discussing the changes that will have to be made in the charter to make it conform to the demands of Greater Charlotte.

The original charter committee, as appointed by the mayor, consists of Judge Armistead Burwell, City Attorney Hugh W. Harris and James A. Bell, of the Charlotte bar, and Aldermen I. W. Falson, L. W. Long, W. W. Ward and M. F. Kirby. Acting with this committee will be a smaller committee from the governing bodies of the various departments of the city administration. The school commission will be represented by Messrs. R. D. Smith, J. Hirshinger and J. Arthur Henderson; the water commission, Mr. E. T. Cansler; the police, fire and health commission, Col. A. L. Smith, J. A. Durham and J. I. Blakeley. This last committee was appointed by Mayor McNinch yesterday, the commission they represent not having held its January meeting yet.

Mr. Sherrill Secures Patent.

Mr. N. J. Sherrill has secured a patent on a filter which he thinks will prove quite useful and quite profitable. He will receive his papers within the next few days. The Sherrill filter can be used in handling water, milk or anything else that is measured.

PILES

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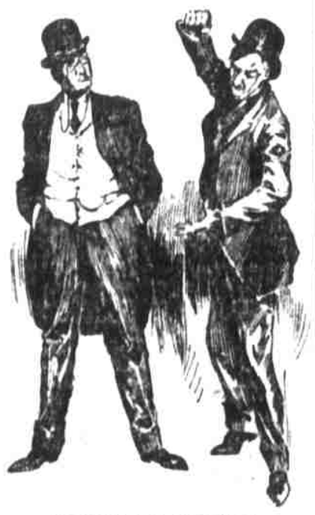
Common sense is just as necessary (even more so) in medicine as in business or the affairs of every day life. People are getting to know more than they used to. Not so long ago it was the fashion to make all sorts of claims for a medicine, and wind up by asking the reader to go to a drug store and buy a bottle. People won't stand for that kind of thing now. They want proof—tangible proof. They want to try the remedy first and if they find it to be what is claimed they will be glad enough to go and buy it.



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"And if there is anything in this letter you want to use, do so. I received your letter a few days ago. Yours for a remedy like Pyramid Pile Cure. J. J. McElwee,

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THE SORRIEST SERVICE YET.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway is Giving Charlotte a Mean Deal—Wilmington Wholesalers Preferred.

If a Charlotte person were to decide to go to Wilmington for a short visit he might as well walk as to ride on the Seaboard trains. In the first place all passengers change cars at Monroe, going from or coming to Charlotte, and then change again at Hamlet. By the time one gets by Hamlet he or she is worn completely out. The trains are generally late and the stations poorly kept. The roadbed between here and Monroe is rough and dangerous. It begins to look as if things get worse after each visitation of the head officials. People curse the Southern, but they have not tried the Seaboard. If a person starts toward Charlotte on a Seaboard train he never knows when he will get in.

Passengers who came in from down the Seaboard Sunday night had to contend with dirty cars, broken seats and doors and to occupy coaches that were either too hot or too cold. Such is life on the old Carolina Central.

A few months ago the passenger train that left Charlotte in the afternoon for Hamlet and Wilmington and intermediate stations and the one that left Wilmington in the Morning for Hamlet and Charlotte were taken off between Charlotte and Hamlet. The railroad people said the train did not get enough patronage to make it pay. The merchants down the Seaboard say that the train was taken off above Hamlet for the benefit of the wholesale merchants of Wilmington, to the hurt of the wholesale dealers of Charlotte and to the inconvenience of a large number of merchants who prefer to deal with Charlotte concerns, but cannot come to this city and transact any business without remaining over two days or more. Certainly the patronage between Charlotte and Hamlet was as large as the patronage between Wilmington and Hamlet.

THE WATER IS GOOD.

Regular Report of State Biologist Gerald McCarthy Shows the Local Water Supply to be in Excellent Condition.

Superintendent Pat H. Williams, of the Charlotte water-works has received the regular report of State Biologist Gerald McCarthy on the of the Charlotte water-works, has report, which follows, shows the water supply of this city to be in excellent condition:

Physical Determinations: Temperature, 20 degrees C; apparent color, none; equivalent to platinum, 10; turbidity, equivalent to silica, 2.5; sediment, none; odor, none;

Chemical Determinations: Reaction, alkaline; alkalinity, 27.54; hardness, permanent, 25; hardness, temporary, 27.54; hardness, total, 52.54; total solids, 90; sulphates much; phosphates, trace; alum, none; chlorine, 5; iron, trace; nitrogen as nitritus, none; bacillus coli-communis ammonia, free, .038; ammonia, albuminoid, .040;

Biological Determinations: Algea, none; infusoria, none; organic detritus, none; bacillus coli-communis in 5 C. C., none; other bacteria, harmless saprophytes.

Indications and remarks: Good water.

"Shopping" Was Good.

The current issue of Bar and Buffet has the following in its editorial comments:

"North Carolina's Christmas 'shopping' was the heaviest in years. Traffic was congested in that State for a time, owing to the unprecedented number of jugs containing Christmas whiskey being shipped into 'dry' towns."

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