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DURHAM, N. C., May 17, 1907.

This is good season of the year to reinforce the road gang, and Judge Justice seems willing to help the work along.

The new board of city aldermen provided for all they could, and yet they left some out in the cold that is going to howl about their mistakes until the time for another election.

REVENUE officers seem to be getting in their work early in the spring. If they do not mind they will make the business of conducting stills so unprofitable that few people will care to run them.

It appears that the way matters are going that Durham is not to remain long without a murder case on her superior court dockets, there being two negroes in jail now charged with this crime.

It has always been a question in our minds whether rotation in office is a good thing, but when there are so many men that have been sticking to the Democratic party all their days hoping to land something are continually turned down to keep the present state officers in, there is going to be a howl, and quite a crowd will be with the howlers.

It sounds rather strange to hear the idea advanced that certain city officers should be turned down because they had held a position so long and lived off of the town long enough and then hear the same fellow say that of course certain other city employes should have kept their positions because they had been in the place so long and knew all about the work. We will believe that they are really sincere in turning a man down because he has been in a position so long when a clean sweep is made and all are turned out that have been in a long time.

THE recent figures published in this paper relative to tax values in other towns than Durham paying less tax than we, should be well considered by tax assessors this year. It is true that few people in Durham believe that their property is assessed too high, but when we consider that Durham is paying much more into the state treasury than any other town in the state, before the values are increased there should be some inquiry made to ascertain at what rate valuations are to be made in general. Durham is paying too high a rate when a comparison with some other towns that claim great things are considered.

THE EDITOR'S MAIL.

Of course it is no uncommon thing for a newspaper man to hear of such letters as the following, but many readers of a paper do not know of it, and so we show below copies of two letters, which are a fair sample of many that we receive every week:

"Mr. Editor:—Inclosed you will find one dollar to renew for The Recorder. I am glad you touch my memory on these matters, as I do not want to miss a single copy. So many thanks to you for your kindness."

The above was a reply to a notice we sent out notifying the

writer that his subscription had expired and asking him to renew. The letter following is a reply to a similar letter:

"Durham Recorder, Gentlemen:—I received your dun, and you may stop my paper. I paid for the paper when I subscribed and you have no business to send me a dun, so stop my paper at once."

The above are only two of many along this line we receive, and were it not that long ago we became accustomed to such letters we would feel discouraged, but when one man concludes that the paper is no good and wants it stopped another concludes that he will subscribe and while we dislike to part with old friends it is pleasing to enter new names as fast or faster than old ones drop out.

MANY CASES DISPOSED OF.

Superior Court Gets Down to Business and Dispatches Much Work.

Durham Superior court for the trial of criminal cases has been in session this week, and from the following list of cases called and disposed of it will be seen that many matters that have been on the docket were cleaned up:

LIST OF CASES CALLED.

During the term the following cases were called and disposed of by the court, except in the instances noted:

Foster Johnson, carrying concealed weapon, fined \$10 and cost.
Will Herndon, assault and battery with deadly weapon, judgment suspended on the payment of cost.

Lizzie Wawkins, assault and battery with deadly weapon, judgment suspended upon the payment of cost.

Abe Hempe and Arch Hammett, gambling, fined \$10 each and cost.

John Epps and John Patterson, both charged with carrying concealed weapon, \$10 and cost.

John Alexander, assault with deadly weapon, judgment suspended upon the payment of cost.

M. F. Draughon, white man, and Walter Kimball, gambling, Draughon fined \$25 and cost and Kimball \$10 and cost.

Dona Washington was charged in three cases with selling whiskey without license. In one case he was sent to the roads for four months and in the other two judgment was suspended.

Clem Burton, was charged with carrying concealed weapon, and for this he was fined \$20 and cost.

Percy Stone and Charles Hill, were each charged with carrying concealed weapons. They were each given three months on the roads.

Will Johnson was charged with selling whiskey without license, and for this he was sent to the roads for two months.

Lawrence Lane, carrying concealed weapon, sentenced to two months on the roads.

Gus Alston was charged in two cases with selling whiskey without license. In one he was sent up for six months and in the other judgment was suspended.

William Radford, Lawrence Radford and Marvin Teer were charged with engaging in an affray in which deadly weapons were used. William Radford and Teer were each fined \$5 and cost and Lawrence Radford was let off upon paying his part of the cost.

Hugh Hester was charged with assault with deadly weapon. The jury did not think that he was guilty and he was discharged.

Percy Peeks was up in two cases, one for assault with deadly weapon and the other for carrying concealed weapon. In the deadly weapon case he was fined \$25 and cost and in the other case he was made to pay the cost.

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Ruth Landis, the little daughter of Dr. W. H. Edwards, died at the home of her father last Tuesday afternoon. Cholera infantum was the cause of her death. The funeral and burial took place last Wednesday afternoon, and the little one was laid to rest by the side of its mother that preceded her only a few weeks.

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The ball team of Leland Stanford University will take a trip to Japan this summer to play Waseda University.

The chapel seats, 500 in number, were taken out and hidden at the South Dakota University recently.

NORTH CAROLINA } SUPERIOR COURT
Durham County } August Term 1907
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Addie Nichols, Mabel Duke Nichols, R. T. Olmsted and J. E. Owens

The defendant, R. T. Olmsted, ahe above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Durham County to sell a tract of real estate situated in said County and State and in Mangum Township, being the same conveyed by L. M. Nichols and Addie W. Nichols, his wife, to R. T. Olmsted in a mortgage executed on the 12th day of November, 1902, and recorded in Book of Mortgages No. 24, p. 559, in the office of the register of deeds for Durham County, said tract of land containing 42 acres. The property was mortgaged to R. T. Olmsted to secure a note of \$1000.00 on November 12th, 1902, payable one year from date and bearing 6 per cent interest from date. The note secured by said mortgage having been assigned by R. T. Olmsted to J. E. Owens and by him assigned to plaintiff, this action is for the purpose of obtaining an order to sell the land described for the satisfaction of said indebtedness. The said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court for Durham County, to be held on the first Monday before the first Monday in September, 1907, at the court house in Durham, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

C. B. GREEN,
Clerk Superior Court.
This 10th day of May, 1907.

Notice of Administration

The undersigned having qualified as administrator of H. B. Lewter, deceased, hereby gives notice to all persons holding claims against said estate to present the same to him on or before May 1, 1908, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will come forward and pay up. This 30th of April, 1907.
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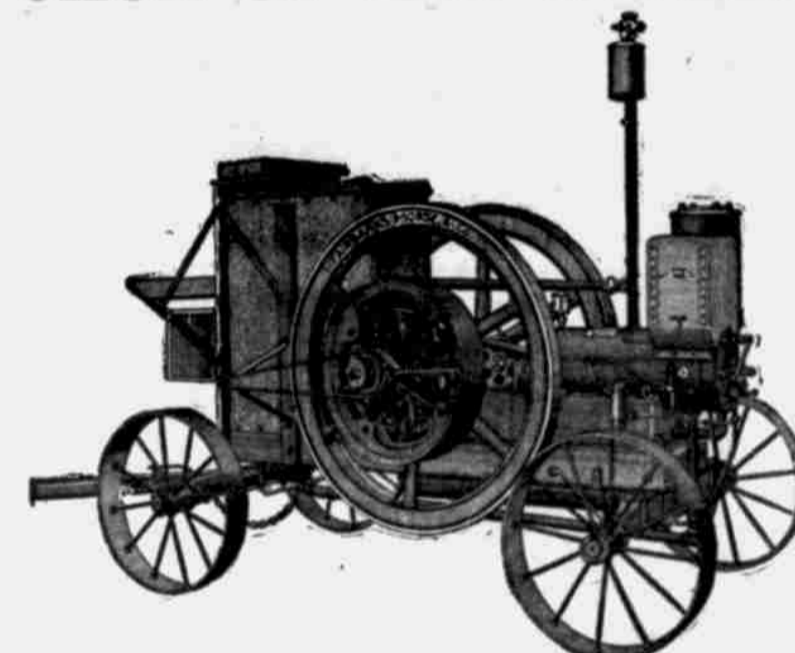
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