



RAISED BOARD AT THE JAIL

County Commissioners Make Price \$10 per Month

THE CHAIN GANG

SOME FACTS ABOUT THIS MUCH DISCUSSED QUESTION. A SAVING TO THE COUNTY TO WORK THEM ON THE ROADS. MANAGER GRANDY WANTS TO GET IN TOUCH WITH PEOPLE ON THE ROAD QUESTION.

The Pasquotank County Commissioners on Monday last, at their regular monthly meeting, increased the rate for board for the inmates of the jail from 30c to 33 1/3c per day, or \$10 per month.

There are now 24 convicts on the chain-gang, sent up from this county. It costs \$3.00 per month or 10 cents per day to feed these convicts.

These 24 convicts are on the chain-gang for petty offenses, and if they were lodged in jail they would cost the County \$240.00 a month. On the road they are costing only \$72.00, a saving of \$168.00 to the County.

As we have stated before this convict labor costs the County 38 cents per day, all told. This includes every expense, board, clothing, guards, overseer, superintendent, fuel and all other articles, but it does not include all road expenses, feed for teams, etc. It will thus be seen that this labor does not cost over 40 cents per day, per convict, convicts from other counties included.

We have given much time and thought to this convict and County road question, and we know some things about which we write.

This road question has been freely discussed. Much complaint has been made, mostly about the management. There are those who say that the best results are not attained for the expenditure; that the labor is not what it should be; that the convicts are not made to do sufficient work; that too much time is wasted in going to and from work; that the road master is not competent. When asked in what way, the reply is: That he is too easy with the convicts and that too much time is wasted in going to and from work.

Now in justice to Mr. Scarborough and our former manager, Mr. Wilson, and our present manager, Mr. Grandy, we wish to say a few things. Many times during Mr. Wilson's term, we had frequent talks with him and always found him ready and willing to talk about the roads. We had an interview with Mr. Grandy this week. He said that he would like to talk with the people about the roads; that he intended to give his best thought to the road question.

During our conversation with Mr. Grandy, we found that he had already learned many things about road building and its management. One thing he mentioned (which we heartily endorse) was that he finds it very difficult to have good roads where the farmers fail to ditch their land as they should. If the chain-gang cuts and cleans out the road ditches (which they should not do) even then the roads would not be benefited if the farmers lead ditches are not opened sufficient to carry the water to the swamps or creeks. Mr. Grandy thinks the farmers should be notified to cut his ditches and if he failed to do so and could give a good excuse for not doing so, then the road manager should have the chain-gang to do it and charge the land owner the usual price for said work. We think this a good suggestion and we would like to see the

road manager clothed with the proper authority to do as Mr. Grandy suggests.

In conclusion we wish to make our complaints and try to answer the complaints of others.

First—We do not think that Mr. Scarborough should bear the burden of complaints, as his position is that of an underling.

His duty is to manage the laborers and to go to and fro as he is directed by the manager. He surely does the best he can under the present conditions. The former Manager, Mr. Wilson, was only a little more in authority. He was ordered about by the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners were pulled out hauled around by the people, who wanted work done in their respective townships, all of which was urgent at the same time. In trying to please all, the work done was only patching up, when if left alone, the County Commissioners, road manager and labor overseer could have done much better work, and there would have been less complaint.

Another reason why Mr. Wilson could not do better and more satisfactory work. It is so fixed that the town has to have the chain gang the three best months in the year, to work in town. These three months, April, May and September are the best for road building. We think the town should have September, as that is the month for cleaning up the weeds. If the town should continue to have the laborers during April, May and September why not under the town's supervision have the County roads worked three miles from the town limits. This can be done and no time wasted in going to and from work. There is no use in having the convicts quit work before the days work is done anticipating trouble in bringing the convicts to town after dark. By the use of proper methods there would be no danger of escape, even in the darkness.

We would be glad to hear from others on the subject.

MITCHELL'S CLEAN SWEEP SALE will be bigger and better than ever before, starts January 14.

17 NEGRO KIDS COME TO TOWN

HEALTH OFFICER WILLIAMS' REPORT FOR DECEMBER SHOWS AN ABNORMAL BIRTH RATE AMONG THE COLORED POPULATION. DEATH RATE IS LOW.

City Health Officer Dr. C. B. Williams report to the Board of Aldermen last Monday night showed a remarkable birth rate among the colored population, there being 17 colored births.

The report also showed a remarkably low death rate, especially among the white, it being only 8 per cent.

The report is as follows.

Deaths.
White—Male 0; female 7. Total, 7.
Colored—male 10; female 7. Total, 23.

Births.
White—male 3; female 3. Colored, male 10; female 7. Total, 23.

Temporary annual death rate, white per 1,000, 8 per cent; colored, 15 per cent; total population 10 8-10 per cent.

Temporary birth rate, white per 1,000 12 per cent; colored 51 per cent; total population 27 6-10 per cent.

The real money saving sale is coming at last. It is MITCHELL'S CLEAN SWEEP SALE. Everybody knows what that means, starts January 14th.

The blessedness of misery of old age is often but the extract of our past life.—De Maistre.

STATE SOLONS ARE IN SESSION

North Carolina Legislature Convened Last Wednesday

GRAHAM SPEAKER

JOINT SESSION WILL BEE HELD TUESDAY TO OPEN AND PUBLISH RETURNS FOR STATE OFFICERS. \$5000 APPROPRIATED FOR THE RELIEF OF THE ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE SUFFERERS.

The North Carolina Legislature convened in biennial session Wednesday at noon, every member except one Senator and one Representative being present. The first days work was devoted to organizing the two houses, the House adjourning at 2:30 o'clock, the Senate at 3:10, the latter after a recess of nearly two hours.

The Senate and House will hold a joint session Tuesday, January 12th at noon, to open and publish the returns for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Attorney General, and other State officers elected in November.

The joint committee which waited on the Governor to inform him that the Legislature was duly organized and ready to receive any communication from his was composed of Senators Manning, Klutz and Britt and Representatives Doughton, Kooce Twrlington, Cotton and Grant.

The Senate convened at 12 o'clock, Lieutenant-Governor F. D. Winston in the chair. Rev. T. N. Ivey, D. D., editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, pronounced the invocation, after which the roll of the Senate was called, all the members being present, except Mr. Travis, of Halifax. Then the Senate proceeded with organization, the members being sworn. Mr. Pharr, of Mecklenburg placed in nomination for principal clerk Mr. A. J. Maxwell, of Craven, who has served four times as principal clerk. The chair appointed Messrs. Mills of Rutherford, and Sherrill, of Caldwell, as tellers. Mr. Maxwell was unanimously elected. Mr. Barringer, of Guilford, nominated Mr. Frank Squires, of Caldwell, for reading clerk, and there being no other nomination he was elected without opposition. Other officers of the Senate elected were, Sergeant-at-Arms, R. M. Staley, of Wilkes, nominated by Mr. Means, of Cabarrus; assistant door keeper, Mr. Nicholas DeBoy, of Wake, nominated by Mr. Powell, of Vance; engrossing clerk, Mr. W. E. Hooks, of Pitt, nominated by Mr. Blow, of Pitt. These officers were administered the oath of office after which the Senate elected a president pro-tempore, Mr. Long, of Iredell, in a fitting speech, appreciative of the ability and good reputation of Mr. Klutz, of Rowan, placed that Senator in nomination. Mr. Starbuck, of Forsyth, apprehending, he said, that Mr. Britt, of Buncombe, could not be elected, placed the mountainer in nomination. Mr. Klutz was elected, receiving 31 votes, Mr. Britt having 9 votes.

Pursuant to custom that has heretofore obtained in North Carolina, the president announced that he had been in conference with the incoming Lieutenant-Governor in regard to the nomination of pages, messengers and other employes of the Senate. The names of the following appointees were read:
Clerks: Otis Self, of Catawba; S. V. Wade of Carteret; W. T. Smith, of Wake.

When a self-made man makes a fool of himself he robs some woman of the job.—Chicago News.

Stenographers: Miss E. Mordcael Bledsoe, Miss Nell Hinsdale and Miss Sophie Busbee.
Messenger: James Lanier.

Laborers: J. A. Bush, C. A. Pegram, W. Phillips, A. J. Rush, J. Rummer, John A. Fox, J. Lewis, J. R. Bule, M. A. Shank, J. Bryson, H. H. Humby, and Charles Cardwell and James Harper, both colored.

Pages: Chief J. Timberlake, Jr., Raleigh; Theo. Ross, Clyde Lambert, Weston Taylor, Palmer Stickler, Banks Arendell, Whitfield East, Edward Travis and Walter Lambert.

On motion of Mr. Blow a message was sent to the House of Representatives informing that body that the Senate was duly organized and ready to proceed with business.

Senators Gay, of Northhampton; Hawes, of Columbus, and Spence of Randolph, who said not have their certificates of election, were sworn in on motion of Mr. Powell.

The Senate rules of the session of 1907 were adopted till the committee on rules should report.

The President appointed as the Committee on Rules Senator Bassett, of Edgercombe; Barringer, of Guilford, and Hankins, of Davidson.

The President announced that Mr. Travis, of Halifax, had been detained at his home by the grievous accident to one of his children, and on motion of Mr. Pharr indefinite leave of absence was granted to Mr. Travis.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to ex-Senator Fleming, of Pitt.

On motion of Mr. Manning, of Durham, the Senate took a recess at 1:15 till three o'clock to await the organization of the House.

Messages were received from the House of Representatives at 3 o'clock, in forming the Senate that the House had perfected its organization and was ready to proceed with business, and that the House had appointed five members to wait upon the Governor with the Senate members, and inform him that the Legislature had been duly organized and was ready to receive any communication from him. The chair appointed on this committee Messrs. Manning, Klutz and Britt.

Mr. Manning offered the following resolution, which was adopted:
"Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring: Section 1. That the Senate and House of Representatives meet in joint session in the Hall of the House of Representatives at noon on Tuesday, January 12, 1909 and there proceed to open and publish the returns for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Attorney General and other State officers.

"Section 2. That the persons ascertained to be elected shall be inducted into office on Tuesday, January 12, 1909 at one o'clock p. m.

"Section 3. That a joint committee of three on the part of the Senate and five on the House shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to provide suitable arrangements and regulations for the inauguration, and report the expenditures incurred by the committee."

At 3:10 o'clock the Senate adjourned till 11 o'clock Thursday morning.

The House
At the hour of twelve chief clerk of the last session, rank D. Hackett ascended the Speaker's rostrum and called the House to order, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution relative to the organization of the House of Representatives. He then requested Rev. Dr. McK. Pittinger, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, at Raleigh, to make the invocation, which was beautifully appropriate to such an occasion.

Announcement was made that Chief Justice Walter Clark would address the House.

Think of it! \$250.00 will be given away during MITCHELL'S CLEAN SWEEP SALE, which starts January 14th.

The sale of all sales—MITCHELL'S CLEAN SWEEP SALE, starts January 14.

KRAMER BROS BUY PROPERTY

Will Erect Handsome Modern Three Story Buildings

OTHER BUILDINGS

THE HINTON BROS., WILL ERECT BRICK STORE ON CORNER MATHEWS AND POINDEXTER STREETS AND LARGE LIVERY STABLE ON CORNER MCMORINE AND MATTHEWS. 1909 PROMISES TO BE A RECORD

The indications are that the year 1909 will witness the piling up of more brick and mortar into handsome buildings in this city than any year in the history of the city.

Messrs. Kramer Bros. among our most substantial and progressive citizens will start the ball rolling with a \$30,000 building on Main street on the property next to the Bee Hive, which they have just acquired from the Hinton Brothers at a cost of \$20,000. The deal was closed Tuesday. This lot faces 120 feet on Main street, extending from the Bee Hive to McMorine street, and runs back 50 feet. This is one of the most valuable building sites in the city.

It is said that the Messrs. Kramer will soon erect on this site one of the finest business buildings covering the entire lot ever built in this city. It is said that it will be three stories high and be thoroughly modern in every particular.

The gentlemen have also bought the Ballance property on Mathews street. This is also well located and fine property. It is said that they will also build on this in the near future. The Hinton Bros. will also add to the building activity of the city. They will build a handsome brick store on their property corner Poindexter and Matthews streets. They will also build a large brick livery stable on their property on the corner of Matthews and McMorine streets, the site now occupied by the repair shop of Mr. Pastorfield.

Down goes the prices—opportunities for everybody at MITCHELL'S CLEAN SWEEP SALE, starts January 14th.

It is very ladylike for a girl to kiss a man before she tells him she won't let him.

GARDNER'S FAMOUS BREAD AND CAKES.

Our trade is constantly increasing on Gardner's "Uno" Bread, pound and plain cakes, and there's a reason. Their 30 years of experience and in the use of the highest grade flour, best butter and fresh eggs and the science, manipulation of patent machinery by which the human hands scarcely touches the product has rendered their bread and cakes the very best that brains, money and human ingenuity can possible produce. We are so enthusiastic over this "Uno" Bread that we are willing to send it to your home on the following approval:

Buy one loaf, and if dissatisfied after using, the cost of the bread will be refunded.

Fresh shipments received Tuesday's and Friday at their agency, EAGLE GROCERY, Phone 145.

Attend MITCHELL'S CLEAN SWEEP SALE and get part of that \$250.00 which is going to be given away.

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THE DRAINAGE QUESTION

People of Hyde County are Very Much Interested.

Mr. G. B. Swindell and family have returned from a pleasant trip to Gum Neck where they spent the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. Swindell says that the drainage question is the topic of conversation in Gum Neck. He says that Mr. Lindsay Armstrong of this city, who owns fine farm lands at Gum Neck, and others are doing some fine work cleaning out the canals.

We would like to call the attention of our Gum Neck friends to the fact that the grading of the Hyde County railroad is about finished and would it not be a good idea for them to secure if possible this convict labor to clean out the canals and do drainage work? The matter could possibly be arranged with the State through their representative, Mr. Majette.

The sale that saves you money—MITCHELL'S CLEAN SWEEP SALE, Be sure and attend, starts next week, January 14.

ON NEW YEAR NIGHT.

Miss Mamie Barcliff entertained her Sunday School Class.

Miss Mamie Barcliff, entertained her Sunday school class at her home at Mrs. John Glover's on Church street. The young folks enjoyed a most pleasant evening.

Pretty souvenirs in the form of hour-glasses, fashioned in card board were given to those present.

MITCHELL'S CLEAN SWEEP SALE this year will be a hummer. Be sure and attend it, starts January 14.

A SUGGESTION

Mr. J. C. Perry an enterprising citizen and mail carrier for route No. 3, gives us a good suggestion. He says that he thinks much would be saved to the road fund if the chain gang was divided. Have a small force, those most trustworthy so as not to require a guard to be employed. Have this force to do repair work on the roads and leave the bulk of the convicts to do the road building, by so doing the convicts camps would not have to be moved so often and better work could be done. This moving the camps and often before the work is finished entails quite an expense. Then remedy the time lost going to camp before the days work is done.

MITCHELL'S CLEAN SWEEP SALES are events to which the people of this section look forward to. It starts next week, January 14th.

INSTALLED CASH REGISTER.

Mr. O'Donnell, of the National Cash Register Co., is in the city. Wednesday, he installed the new cashier's cash register of Mr. O. F. Gilbert. This is a most complete machine and is one of the handsomest and latest put out by the company.

MRS. BELL ENTERTAINS

Mrs. M. G. Bell on North Road street entertained a large house party during the Holidays.

There were seventeen in the party. Among those from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. H. Marion Behre, of New York City; Miss Blic and Miss Myra Bell of Norfolk; Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Morgan and little daughter, Flora, of Oriental, N. C.

The guests departed for their respective homes this week, each declaring it the most enjoyable Xmas they had ever spent.

Love is blind to most of the danger signals.

Optimism and dyspepsia are not on speaking terms.

Some men are such swindlers that they cheat themselves.