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## THE MASS MEETING HELD LAST EVENING

In response to a call of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen a Mass Meeting of the citizens was held in the City Hall last evening to consider the several bills now pending in the General Assembly. Standing room was at a premium and a heated discussion of the proposed measures was indulged in by the citizens pro and con. Both the advocates and opposers were equally enthusiastic. Every inch of ground was fought for. Every fellow wanted his say and judgment. The number of speeches made was accommodated. The bill allowing the incoming Board of Aldermen the power to issue bonds to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for improvements, if they should deem it necessary, was not approved by the citizens and almost unanimously voted down.

The act giving the Aldermen the right to issue bonds to the amount of fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of public wharves was amended so as to read twenty-five thousand dollars and with this amendment, the act was endorsed. The proposed amendment to the city charter making the salary of the mayor six hundred dollars per annum and the members of the Board of Aldermen \$2 each for attending regular business meetings, was also approved. After this

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without fear or favor. He presides like a veteran. Only one case was disposed of by the Recorder being that of William Glade, colored, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Inasmuch as no injury was done the Recorder said \$10 and cost. The court was in session again today. Clerk Crutch was also at his post.

## USE OF LIME ON THE FARM

Because of a misconception as to the action of lime there is much misuse of lime by a goodly number of farmers. In many cases where marked results have followed the use of this material the conclusion has been drawn that it is the only one that needs to be added to the soil in order to secure large yields annually thereafter. Such a conclusion is not justified by the facts in the case, and if this material is used and depended upon entirely it will be found in time that the beneficial results will gradually grow less. There is no truer saying than that the indiscriminate use of lime enriches the fether but begrains the son if it is depended upon solely for average soils. It should be remembered that, although lime is as essential for plant growth as phosphoric acid, nitrogen and potash, it is able to replace any one of these nutrients in the promotion of plant development.

**Under What Conditions Use.**  
As a direct plant food for such crops as corn, cotton and the small grains planted on most of our soils, it is seldom needed, but for leguminous crops, such as the clovers, vetch, peas and alfalfa, its use is usually

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## WORK OF THE GOVERNMENT IN PRESERVING ROADS.

Experiments in Dust Preventives and Binders Being Made.

During the past year the work of the office of public roads of the department of agriculture relative to the investigation of the problems of dust prevention and road preservation has advanced rapidly. Routine tests or analyses of bituminous road materials made in the laboratories during the past year were more than double the number made during the preceding year.

A number of these examinations were made in conjunction with the experimental field work of the office. It is expected that these examinations will be of great service in determining the value of certain classes of binders, as the experimental work is carefully inspected from time to time, and the results are made a matter of record.

Through its laboratory work the office has been able to offer valuable advice in regard to specifications for bituminous road binders and in many instances to frame such specifications for the various public service agencies. A number of the state highway commissions have profited by this opportunity.

Many worthless road preparations have been and are at present being manufactured and sold to the public through ignorance on the part of both producer and consumer with regard to the requisite characteristics of such materials to meet local conditions.

These materials are sold under trade names and as a rule carry no valid warranty of quality. Specifications for such materials are therefore much needed for the protection of the public, and this phase of the work will be given continued attention by the office. Special investigations of bituminous road materials carried on by the laboratory have served to improve the methods of preparing the dust preventives and binders, the effect of various methods of application upon the physical and chemical properties of tars and the method of a test for determining

the amount of water which is absorbed by the material. In most cases the benefits to be derived from the opportunity to have an outlet for the drainage system would be of great if not greater than those resulting from improved highways.

**Read Near Topoka.**  
For many miles out of Topoka, Kan., to the west there is an almost ideal dirt road that has been made and kept in condition by use of the road drag.

When the rain or snow falls this road becomes a little muddy on top, but the mud is never deep, and there are no ruts or "chuck holes." It is so graded that the drainage is perfect and it dries off almost immediately.

This splendid road has taken the place of one that was almost impassable in bad weather and very rough in good. It cost the labor and expense of one dragging per month and was made possible by the activity of one man who interested his neighbors. Now the neighbors would not willingly do without it. Such roads are possible in most neighborhoods in Kansas.

ADVERTISE IN THE NEWS

## WHERE DRAINAGE IS GOOD YOU FIND GOOD ROADS.

Not Simply Surface Should Be Drained, but Entire Foundation.

Drainage may be said to be the most needed condition for permanent good roads, not simply drainage of the road surface, which is very important, but a proper and complete drainage of the entire roadbed and foundation, this in such a manner that there would not be any standing water in the roadside ditches to seep back under and soften the roadbed.

We are all familiar with the manner in which a railroad keeps its roadbed drained—by means of lateral ditches on each side of the roadbed, dug with a grade sufficient to carry the water laterally to some intersecting ravine, creek or other natural drainage way. As applied to highway construction the lateral drainage would be largely by means of open ditches at the roadside, with, in some cases, a covered drain of some suitable material in places where the necessary grades were lower down from the top surface than would be best or advisable for open ditches.

This would mean the working out carefully of the contours not only for the highway, but of practically the whole drainage basin affected in order that the depth of ditches and location of outlets could all be balanced so that the maximum of results could be obtained with the minimum of labor and cost.

The proper drainage system would be governed largely by the area of the basin, contour of surface, character of soil and location of outlets, and this is a trifling advantage to the farmer—at least to many of them.

There are hundreds of farms all or a part of which would be greatly benefited by the drainage, but in many cases the work cannot be done because they have no available outlet. Drainage work as outlined above would give a general knowledge of the entire drainage basin and would in a majority of cases provide the farmer with an outlet for his drainage. In most cases the benefits to be derived from the opportunity to have an outlet for the drainage system would be of great if not greater than those resulting from improved highways.

## CALIFORNIA ROAD.

Fine Ditch Between El Monte and Pomona.

Without doubt as fine a stretch of country road as can be found in the United States is that now being completed between El Monte and Pomona under one of the contracts of the good roads project. In fact, it probably exceeds any rural road in any other part of the country, as it is built by a process that has only recently been perfected and tried in Germany.

After the roadway is graded and all depressions filled the earth is packed hard with a steam roller, and then a layer of crushed rock is laid on it, the pieces averaging several inches square. On this is spread a layer of considerable size of very fine rock.

These are pressed firmly together with a heavy steam roller and then thoroughly saturated with crude petroleum. Lastly, the roadbed is covered with a layer of rock dust as fine as powder and then smoothed and packed many times again with the steam roller. The result is a road as smooth and firm as any asphalt paved city street and one that with a little care is practically indestructible.

## ROADS MADE OF STRAW.

One Hundred and Forty Miles Bedded Down Around Walls Walls.

One hundred and forty-eight miles of straw roads have been made within a year around Walls Walls, Wash. Straw holds down the dust and prevents the wheels from sinking too deeply into the mud in the wet seasons.

Straw is a favorite road building material and is good while it lasts. Sago-brush is also used in some places. This latter is tougher than straw and sheds into threadlike filaments with little travel.

Keeping It in the Family.  
Teacher—Why, Jennie, what's this? Why is your hair cut off?  
Jennie—Mother's going to wear puffs.—Puck.

## THE UNIVERSITY SERMON DELIVERED

At Chapel Hill Last Sunday by Rev. R. L. Patterson

## BIBLE CLASS IN THE SPRING

The Eliza Mitchell Scientific Society met in the Chemistry Building last Tuesday Night—One Hundred and Twelve Men From the Bible Class And More to Be Enrolled.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 20.—Coach Chas. H. Clancey has arrived in Chapel Hill and taken charge of the baseball team. His squad is short of pitchers. Capt. Mackey is the only old variety man who will be out for the team. Coach Clancey faces a situation, in which his only chance for a winning team is to develop a heavy hitting team. He believes that the best defense is a good offense and his intention is to put out a team whose marked characteristic is aggressiveness.

The University sermon for February was delivered Sunday by Rev. R. L. Patterson of the Lutheran Church of Charlotte. Dr. Patterson is one of the ablest preachers in North Carolina and his sermon was in every respect worthy of his ability. The Eliza Mitchell Scientific Society met in the chemistry building last Tuesday night. Papers were presented by Dr. Mackey and Dr. Coker.

The annual mission study held in the campus of the Y. M. C. A. held in Gerard Hall Monday night. The program, which was made by Mr. W. A. Tenor, missionary on-tour from the Philippines and traveling secretary of the International committee of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Tenor has recently visited the field where the University's representative, Mr. E. E. Barnett, former secretary of the Chapel Hill Y. M. C. A. is at work. He presented in a striking and courage inspiring manner the call of the foreign field to the courageous college man of the present generation.

Two courses in Bible study will be given during the spring: The one on foreign missions by Professor Williams, Dr. Sims and other members of the faculty and preachers of the village, and the Challenge of the city by Dr. A. H. Patterson. At the meeting Monday night 112 men were enrolled and it is expected that the systematic canvass which is being made by the Association will result in interesting over 350 men in this work. Last year the classes included 315 men.

## A FINE DISCOURSE

Rev. R. H. Broom Delivers special Sermon to Knights of Pythias Order.

At the First Methodist church last Sunday evening the order of Knights of Pythias, Pamlico Lodge, attended in a body and heard a sermon of power and logic by the pastor, Rev. R. H. Broom.

The occasion was the forty-seventh anniversary of this organization. About fifty members of the lodge were present. The music was one of the features.

## Prayermeeting.

On account of the absence of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Gibbs, the presiding elder will conduct the prayermeeting service at the First Methodist church tomorrow evening.

5 or 6 doses of "466" will cure any case of chills and fever. Price 25c.

## WILL ORGANIZE AN ASSOCIATION

Form East Carolina Fair is Object of Wilmington Club

## AVIATION MEET HELD MARCH 9

Besides the Ariel Flights There Will be Exhibits of Poultry, Display of Farm Products and Agricultural Implements, etc.—The "Mid-Way" Will Come in for its Share of Prizes.

Wilmington, Feb. 20.—For the purpose of ultimately forming what will be known as the Eastern Carolina Fair Association, which will give annual events in this county, the Wilmington Driving Association, promoted by some of the leading and most public spirited citizens of this city and section, was recently organized, and a large tract of land, situated about four miles from Wilmington on both the suburban car line and the Wrightsville turnpike, was purchased and has been enclosed by a fence and grandstands and other buildings erected, and also a half mile race track has been provided, and formally inaugurating this movement, which promises much in the development of Eastern Carolina, will be an aviation meet on March 9th, 10th, and 11th, when flights will be made by representatives of the Curtis Exhibition Company using two bi-planes of the famous Curtiss make. The aviators will be McCleary, Fry and Beachy, all of national fame.

The flights will take place on the grounds of the association every afternoon of the three days between 3 and 6 o'clock, and the street car company has granted a rate of 5 cents to the grounds for these exhibitions. The meet will be the most extensive ever held in this state, for it will extend over a longer period of time and besides there may be many other attractions, so that the visitor will have something to attract his attention and enlist his interest every moment he is on the grounds.

In addition to the flights, a great attraction within itself, Mr. Frank Herbst, the energetic local manager, who is giving his time for the sole purpose of establishing here a fair association, has undertaken to have a poultry exhibit, display of farm products and agricultural implements, etc. Moreover, there will be a midway composed of high-class attractions, and there will also be soft drink stands, etc., and other features which will make the event take on the appearance of a long established—the airships. Mr. Herbst has also engaged a large band to furnish music at the grounds. The occasion is expected to rival the festivities during the Taft day celebration, a little over a year ago when thousands of visitors were in the city.

Mr. Herbst has secured reduced rates on the railroads from points within a radius of 125 miles of Wilmington and he has received reports which indicate that there will be thousands of people here for the event, hundreds coming from points beyond the territory within the cheap rate district. It will truly be a big occasion and Wilmington citizens generally are preparing to accommodate great crowds and will do all in their power to make their stay in the city a pleasant one.

Rumor has it that in the near future some more handsome and up to date brick buildings will be erected on Main street.

## DISTRICT MEETING

Of the Knights of Pythias Here Next Thursday Night.

The district meeting of the Knights of Pythias order will convene in this city on Thursday evening. At least one hundred visitors are expected and the local chapter is making elaborate preparations for their entertainment.

The business session will be held in the hall of the local lodge and the banquet to the visitors and invited guests will be given in the armory. Dr. J. C. Rodman will do the honors as toastmaster.

## IS COMPLETED

The New Methodist Parsonage About Ready for Occupancy.

The handsome new Methodist parsonage on West Second street, which has been in the course of erection for the past three months is now practically completed.

Unless something unforeseen happens Rev. Mr. Broom and family will move on Friday of this week. The residence is now being furnished. Rev. Mr. Broom has gone to Elizabeth City for the purpose of bringing his family.

## THE MAN WHO IS AHEAD

You Constantly Read a Lot of Stuff About Men Who Are Always Behind.

There's the man behind the counter  
And the man behind the gun,  
The man behind the buzz-saw  
And the man behind the sun,  
The man behind the times,  
The man behind his rents,  
The man behind the ploughshare  
And the man behind the lamp,  
The man behind the sodas  
And the man behind the bars,  
The man behind his whiskers  
And the man behind the cars.

BUT  
They've skipped another fellow  
Of whom nothing has been said,  
The fellow who is even  
Or a little way ahead.

He pays for what he gets,  
His checks are always signed,  
He's a blamed sight more important  
Than the man who is behind.  
To them Editors and Merchants  
And the whole Commercial Clan,  
Are all indebted for existence  
To this honest fellow-man.

He keeps us all in business,  
And his town is never dead,  
So we take of our hats  
To the man who is ahead.

## Small Fire.

There was a small fire on Third street yesterday morning. It proved to be the kitchen of a colored woman by the name of Peed. Very little damage was done.

## YOU!

You may turn a deaf ear to good advice, but you cannot dodge the issue.

Either you are better off than you were this time last year or else you are worse off by being a year older with nothing to show for it.

Of course, saving money requires that exercise of a certain amount of self-denial, but it is merely a case of temporary self-denial, because your idle dollars will become earning dollars, by investing in the well located real estate I am offering in Washington, N. C. You will find that people will esteem you a great deal more if you own your home, and it will give you a self-respect that is a valuable asset in itself.

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