

ALL THE PRESENT OFFICERS WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECONVENE FOR THE ANNUAL TWELVE MONTHS MEETING ENTHUSIASTIC.

One of the very best meetings of the Chamber of Commerce was held at the rooms of the chamber in the Baughman Building last evening and the prospects for the future of the organization was never brighter. A large number of the business men were present and several visitors.

President, Charles M. Brown; first vice president, Floyd J. Brown; second vice president, E. K. Willis; secretary, Chas. A. Flynn; treasurer, John G. Bragaw, Jr.

The third national good roads congress is to convene in the city of Detroit, Michigan, September 29th, October 3rd.

It is the intention at this congress to have a separate meeting of all the good road delegates from the different chambers of commerce in the United States for the purpose of considering ways and means of improving the roads in their respective districts or sections.

A committee consisting of A. W. Dumas, John M. Hoyt, W. E. Swindell was named to confer with Mayor Frank C. Kugler today in regard to having the officers of the city enforce the vagrancy law.

No other business of local interest was transacted.

THE ASTOR BABY.

What a baby worth? Well, that depends. When a baby's life is in peril we are all ready to go to the limit. We are willing to go as far as human endurance and our means will permit. When Mrs. Madeline Force Astor, widow of the late John Jacob Astor, who perished with the Titanic, gave birth to a son, somewhere between \$40,000 and \$45,000 was spent for medical attention alone.

It looks as though there is something radically wrong somewhere, when John Jacob Astor's widow will spend between forty and forty-five thousand dollars for medical attendance for her baby at birth, and the good old State of North Carolina can not afford to spend but forty-two thousand dollars annually on the lives and health of its two and a quarter millions of people.

It is easy to see that sanitary laws are indispensable for community good and safety, and in order to see the greatest amount of benefit from them, we all should keep our best wits on their attentions and be ready to obey them to the hilt.

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DR. RODMAN RETURNS FROM BLOWING ROCK

Dr. John C. Rodman returned home yesterday from Blowing Rock, N. C., where he was called professionally last week to see Mr. Norman C. Cordon, a former resident of this city, who has been suffering for some weeks from typhoid fever.

It will be gratifying to the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Norwood L. Simmons to learn that they are able to be out again today. Both Mr. and Mrs. Simmons have been confined to their homes with fever. Their recovery is indeed a great pleasure to their friends and neighbors.

The firm of S. R. Fowles & Son have given the contract to C. C. Miller for the construction of a brick warehouse 40x70-ft. The warehouse is to be erected on their wharf and will be occupied by Messrs. Lucas and Carter.

Hon. Walter Murphy of Rowan county, was nominated for speaker of the House of the General Assembly to succeed Hon. George Connor at the caucus held last night in Raleigh. He was elected today.

No. 10 you are nagged you are not alone in your experience. Not are the nagged persons of this age the only nagged persons of any age. Nagging is an old custom. They tell us that Adam, Job, Socrates, Aeschylus, Machiavelli and many more distinguished historical personages were victims of nagging.

Mrs. Ewald wrote nearly all her later books in bed. So persistent a "nag" was he that he had especially contrived bed fitted up so that he could write without trouble or exertion while propped luxuriously among his pillows.

"Have you made a special study of the subject on which you are going to lecture?" "No," replied the gifted speaker. "I tried that once, and I got so interested in the subject that I didn't have time to write the lecture."—Washington Post.

"You must give me credit for making money that I declared the wife." "But don't forget that I made a first," said the husband.—Buffalo Ex-Press.

"If a man loves a woman for her looks he will love her for five years; if he loves her for her mind he will love her for ten years; if he loves her for her heart he will love her for ever."—Washington Post.

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Average Price of Tobacco Twenty Cents

There is another good sale of tobacco today. At least fifty thousand pounds of the golden weed was sold by the farmers and as usual the prices prevailing were entirely satisfactory.

NEW PREACHER BATH CIRCUIT HAS ARRIVED

Rev. C. E. Durham of Orange county, was in the city yesterday en route to Bath, N. C., to assume the duties as pastor of the Bath circuit.

CONVICTS BUILD ROADS.

Colorado convicts have worked the roads of that state with much success. Thomas J. Ryan, a new warden of the penitentiary, has started many prison reforms in that state, one of which is the placing of many prisoners in camps and working them on roads.

At present a big road gang of tractors is putting the finishing touches on "high grade," and when the road is completed the eight miles run from Cannon City to the very brink of the 3,000 foot gorge will be a master of the art.

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