

THE LEGISLATURE:

The Legislature of North Carolina still maintains its high reputation as an able body of men, upright, honest, patriotic, earnest, without foolishness, with no enemies to punish but the enemies of North Carolina, and with no friends to reward but the true friends of North Carolina.

Since the Economist greeted its friends last week, much good work has been done and much new work has been cut. The Penitentiary and its management is one of fusion management. The mausoleum is full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

The suffrage question is still uppermost in the minds of our Legislators. The people of North Carolina want honest white government and look to the Legislature to give it to them. The committee on suffrage met in caucus on Thursday of last week.

Cy. Thompson was before the insurance committee last week to answer questions relating to his management of the office of Secretary of State. He stated that he had received fees from insurance companies amounting to \$3,600 in addition to his salary as Sec. of State of \$2,000.

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Oph has the inside track, but then, he's too heavy a weight for the Democratic party to carry, and the ingenuity of the politicians can devise some way to lift Oph out of the way. Imprimis: his pay is under the control of our Legislators, and he can't stand without pay.

Our Legislature has found time to interfere with other men's wives. It is mad with the poor member of Congress from Utah, because he's got three wives, as if he was not entitled to their sympathy therefor, in consideration of the discomforts of his domestic life.

The sentiment of the General Assembly is that there shall be no increase of Circuit Judges, and a suggestion comes from Judge George H. Brown, Jr. that the Supreme Judges shall be required to supply the place on the circuit, in case of sickness or other disability.

On Friday of last week Senator Hairston, of the 27th Senatorial District introduced a bill to compel all foreign corporations doing business in this State, to take out a licence under the laws of the State and to submit themselves to the processes of the courts in the same degree and manner as corporations chartered under State laws.

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A Fleeshy Consumptive

Did you ever see one? Did you ever hear of one? Most certainly not. Consumption is a disease that invariably causes loss of flesh.

Scott's Emulsion of cod liver oil with hypophosphites. No remedy is such a perfect preventive to consumption. Just the moment your throat begins to weaken and you find you are losing flesh, you should begin to take it.

nor and Council, and the Legislature, recognising the fact that Rus. and his advisors are not safe custodians of any public trust in which the talent of corruption can be exercised, are a unit in favor of a change, but they seem not agreed as to the permanent provision for printing pub. dos.

On the final passage of Jim Young stone bill, the eyes and noses were called and we are sorry to see that some white Pubs. voted "no" while some Afro Pubs. voted "aye."

The Penitentiary, according to superintendent Day's investigation, is terribly in arrears. Its indebtedness, over and above its assets, is now said to be \$110,000, and the figures seem to be constantly growing.

Over the bill to change the name of Chocowinity Creek to Chocco River, in order to fool Congress into an appropriation, "Dirt Road" Carroway the learned representative from Lenoir, made a speech full of antique-lore and aboriginal nomenclature, so much so, that our head is dizzy and we are in fear that our dexter jaw is somewhat dislocated—out of plumb, so to speak.

The bills of local interest to our town and vicinity are an amendment to the charter of Edenton, also to the charter of E. City. A bill to issue corporation bonds for public improvements in E. City.

Citizens' Meeting. Minutes of meeting of the citizens of Elizabeth City, held at the call of the Mayor in the Courthouse on the night of January 13, 1898:

The meeting was organized by the election of T. B. Wilson, chairman and C. E. Kramer secretary. The Mayor stated that his reason for calling the meeting was a telegram from the Mayor of Washington, N. C., stating that an effort was being made before the Legislature to repeal the oyster dredging law, and asking him to call a meeting of the citizens to unite with those of Washington and other places to oppose the repeal of the law by petition and otherwise.

After remarks by several citizens upon the subject of the importance of taking action at once in this matter on account of the benefits being derived from the law as it now stands, upon motion of E. F. Aydt, a committee of five were appointed to draw resolutions. The committee, after retiring for consultation, reported suitable resolutions, which were adopted by the meeting, and the Mayor was requested to send copies to our Representative and the Representative of Camden county, and to the Senators of the First District, after which the meeting adjourned.

T. B. WILSON, Chm. C. E. KRAMER, Sec. Would Have Saved Money. If the money spent in repairing our vehicles, in keeping up our horses and the value of the time lost in the South during the last twenty years caused by our poor highways had been placed upon the roads the South would to-day have highways that would rival those of Europe, and that, too, without one dollar's expense more than she has already had to bear.—Enquirer-Sun.

Parsnip Complexion. It does not require an expert to detect the sufferer from kidney trouble. The hollow cheeks, the sunken eyes, the dark, puffey circles under the eyes, the sallow parsnip-colored complexion indicates it.

A physician would ask if you had rheumatism, a dull pain or in the back or over the hips, stomach trouble, desire to urinate often, or a scalding in passing it; if after passing there is an unsatisfied feeling as if it must be at once repeated, or if the urine has a brick dust deposit or strong odor. When these symptoms are present, no time should be lost in removing the cause.

Delay may lead to gravel, catarrh of the bladder, inflammation, causing stoppage, and sometimes requiring the drawing of the urine with instruments, or may run into Bright's Disease, the most dangerous stage of kidney trouble. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great discovery of the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, is a positive remedy for such disease. Its reputation is world-wide and it is so easy to get at any drug store that no one need suffer any length of time for want of it.

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GOOD ROADS. What North Carolina is Doing in the Matter.

[Southern Farm Magazine.]

In North Carolina twenty-three counties are now working their roads wholly or in part by taxation. In the work of macadamizing and general road improvement Mecklenburg county, the pioneer in that line in the State, still leads, and has now nearly seventy miles of excellent macadam road.

Wake county has also made considerable progress. Durham, Rowan, Cabarrus, Guilford and Alamance counties are also doing some exceedingly satisfactory work in the way of macadamizing, while a number of other counties are grading and re-locating roads under recent fairly satisfactory legislation. These facts are obtained from a letter of Prof. J. A. Holmes, State geologist of North Carolina, to the Southern Farm Magazine.

Prof. Holmes has been an advocate of good roads for many years. He is the author of the report to the United States Agricultural Department on the subject of road improvement in North Carolina, from which the following facts have been derived:

In Mecklenburg county the general plan adopted, and which has been adhered to, was to start at the city limits of the county seat and to grade and macadamize all of the important public roads from this point out toward the township and the county limits. These roads have a width of 40 feet for the first 2 miles from the city limits, and beyond this point a width of thirty-six feet. They have a maximum grade of four feet to one hundred. For cross-drains sewer pipes are used in all cases where practicable, and strong wooden bridges with stone piers have been put in wherever needed.

In attaining the above grade in places where it was impracticable to change the location of the road, cuts through the hills have been made to a depth in places of from ten to fifteen feet, and fills have been made which in places have a height above the ordinary ground surface of from ten to twenty feet for a distance of a few hundred yards to half a mile. In macadamizing the following general plan has been adopted: Upon the graded and settled earth surface a macadam road twelve feet wide and about nine inches thick is constructed, usually in the centre, though in places on one side of the road. An excavation from four to six inches deep is made in the earth's surface, and the bottom is then carefully rolled with a steam roller. Upon this excavated surface is placed a layer of field stone about four inches thick, and this is then thoroughly rolled. Upon this surface is placed a three-inch layer of stone crushed to from one to two inches in size, and after this has been thoroughly rolled there is placed a third layer about two inches thick, of finely crushed stone, including screenings, and this latter is in turn thoroughly rolled.

The average cost of these roads, including the macadamizing and grading, is about \$2,000 per mile. Much the larger part of the work for the permanent improvement of the roads in this county is done by convict labor. The average number of convicts employed is about eighty, and the average cost of this labor per convict, including their food, clothes, medical attention and guarding, is from twenty to twenty-two cents per day. In charge of the work is one superintendent and one engineer (during a part of the time) and six guards. Usually the convicts have worked in one squad; at the present time they are divided into two squads. The rate of taxation in the county at the present time is eighteen cents on the \$100 worth of property, and the entire amount raised in this way for the support of the convict force in road improvement work during the past year was about \$18,000. In addition to this, each township levies a tax varying from seven to fifteen cents on each \$100 worth of property.

Mecklenburg, as stated above, requires all able-bodied citizens along the public roads either to labor four days of each year on the public roads or to pay the sum of fifty cents per day in lieu thereof. This class of labor is used upon the roads independent of the convict force, and principally in the work of grading or in the general repairs of those roads or portions of them upon which the convict force is not engaged.

Farm Values Increased. [Rocky Mount Argonaut.] A farmer in the vicinity of Charlotte states that 250 acres of land were sold for \$20,000. This is at the rate of \$80 per acre, a pretty high price for North Carolina farming lands, but probably not any more, if as much as the land was worth. Now, what made this land sell for so much more than farming lands in other portions of the State? The question is easily answered. Mecklenburg county has good roads, the brag roads of the South, and its people are progressive. The rest of the counties must follow the example of Mecklenburg if they expect to succeed.

The Racket Store

BECAUSE OF THE RUSH. Actually had to lock doors during the Holidays and only let customers in as others would finish their shopping and move out. This we disliked to do, but the rush was so great we were forced to do it.

Why this Mad Rush... At The Racket Store?

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STOCK LAW NOTES.

Don't fail to attend the stock law and good roads' meeting at the Courthouse next Monday.

Miles Saunders, of Norfolk county, Va., and J. N. Winslow, of Perquimans county, N. C., will be at the meeting next Monday. Come and learn of them about their experience with the stock law.

Mr. Benj. Emmitt, who has been opposing the stock law, now favors it. He says he lives on a large farm which has no rail timber and it is a question of no fence, or he, with others, will have to abandon the farm.

Mr. James Thomas says that he is tired of fencing his land and then have to keep his stock impounded on account of bad fences.

Wm. N. Parker, of Mt. Hermon township, says he wants that township included in the stock law territory; that his timber is worth too much to be wasted in rails.

E. V. Davenport, who has been opposed to the stock law, says the reason he opposed it was that he never gave the matter due consideration. He now strongly favors it.

Every citizen of our county that is opposed to or in favor of good roads or the stock law should be present at the meeting Monday.

Monroe Bright wants Mt. Hermon township included in the no-fence territory.

Mr. W. C. Harrison who owns some of the finest farms in the county, and which are the best fenced, is strongly advocating the stock law.

Mr. Seth Harris says, the stock law will increase the value of his farm 25 per cent. being near town his timber is too valuable to waste in rails.

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Wanted.

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