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IT WILL NEVER DO. It will never do for road building in Mecklenburg to cease. The people will raise the greatest clamor ever heard if this is done, and yet this is the danger that now threatens us.

There are two courses open to them. One is to secure the township fund and work certain roads in Charlotte township until that is exhausted. This would not be satisfactory to the people, as they think about enough work has already done in this township, and that it is time a few leading roads were extended towards the county line.

The other course open to them is to turn the convicts and road working over to the county commissioners. We think this is the patriotic and proper course for them to take.

We urge the road commission to consider the best interests of the county in this matter, and if they do, we have no doubt they will pursue the course suggested above.

A WAVE of deep and grateful emotion swept over the State some weeks ago when it was announced that Governor Daniel L. Russell was to press the button that would start in motion all the machinery of the great exposition at Nashville. This honor was conferred on him because "North Carolina was the mother of Tennessee."

Now they have also invited President McKinley to press the button, possibly because he is "Father of the Pie Counter."

It was announced a few days ago that the Democrats of Raleigh had let down the bars and invited all parties to participate in their primaries. In these primaries the present mayor of the city was renominated. Now an independent candidate is running against the regular nominee.

It seems a little difficult for congress or the people to secure definite and specific information regarding the condition of the Pacific railroads, the amount of their indebtedness to the government, or the steps that have been taken to force them to pay their debts.

WHAT'S the matter with our State Legislatures? Prominent politicians in the Kentucky Legislature are charged with bribery, the election of the new Senator Heifeld is said to be tainted with fraud; and the Pennsylvania Legislature is to be investigated for black-mailing life insurance companies.

CONGRESSMAN Richmond Pearson is busily engaged in arranging a chess game with some English young men members of Parliament. This will, of course, result in giving his farmer constituents relief.

THE State experiment station has just issued a bulletin containing the analyses of all the brands of fertilizer sold in the State. If the expert station will issue a correct analysis of the last Legislature and tell what it was good for, it will confer a public service.

THE Missouri river is changing its channel past Omaha, and in doing so threatens to destroy property to the value of several million dollars. It also bids fair to put Omaha into the State of Iowa, as the river is the State line.

THE Japanese, who are very small of stature, are trying to acquire height by adopting a meat diet. They have been a nation of vegetarians. If this experiment succeeds it will make business for the butchers in this country.

THE management of the Philadelphia, Reading and New England railroad last fall issued a circular instructing employees to vote for McKinley. Today their wages were cut ten per cent.

THE returns from the New Jersey elections are only another indication that the McKinley wave of prosperity is not running on schedule time.

Brief Glimpses of the General News.

The next Democratic convention of Virginia will be far smaller than the one which nominated the present Governor.

The Baltimore Sun says it is reported that Gen. W. D. Hampton will be retained as railroad commissioner.

Captain H. W. Reed, of Georgia, who was Tom Watson's right hand man during the late Presidential campaign, is now an advocate of gold, and has gone extensively into the mining of that metal in Mexico.

Rev. Father B. J. Kelly, of Savannah, vicar general of the diocese of Georgia, is confined to his room as the result of a painful accident sustained while superintending the dressing of the middle altar of the cathedral.

The Southern bicycle circuit is conducting a series of races at Atlanta. At the Washington camp, a negro convict was whipped to death by a guard.

The Mississippi river is higher at Vicksburg, Miss., than has ever before been known. All flood records are broken.

Indications of oil and coal have been discovered at Harper's Ferry, Va. In the university town of Athens, Tenn., Perry Wiggle, son of the local commander of the G. A. R., was married Monday to G. Ad Helms, a negro of low repute.

THE Dicky Birds say in the Raleigh Press Visitor: "That the decision of Judge Adams against the new asylum boards does not necessarily mean that the new boards will not get in—for the chances are the new boards will go crazy."

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Sophie Traumbauer, the singer, was married to Charles Patzowsky, in New York February 15.

Governor Rameyell, of New Hampshire, has appointed April 23 as a day of fasting and prayer.

The new cave at Castalia, O., is believed to connect with Perry's cave, at Put in Bay, and also with Flat Rock cave, which would make it extend over an area greater than the Mammoth cave.

A reception will be given April 19 by the members of the section of geology and mineralogy of the New York Academy of Sciences for Sir Archibald Geikie, director general of Her Majesty's Geological Survey of Great Britain.

President John R. London has been appointed receiver of the Globe cotton mill at Rock Hill. The assets are \$188,000; liabilities, \$119,000.

The municipal elections in New Jersey yesterday and the day before show Democratic gains.

Arthur Sewall, late Democratic candidate for Vice President, said in an interview that the recent Democratic successes in city elections were due to local causes.

Governor Bloxham, of Florida, has called a national fisheries congress to meet at Tampa, January 19, 1898.

Southern women in New York have organized a chapter of Daughters of the Confederacy with Mrs. Jefferson Davis as honorary president.

Mrs. George L. Harrison represents North Carolina on the advisory board.

Sunday was the seventy fifth birthday of the Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale. Three hundred persons greeted him in the parlors of his church and presented him with a package containing seventy-five gold dollars, commemorative of his seventy-five years.

Forty-seven women graduated in one class from a New York law school this week.

Mme. Calve has been restored to health, and tonight will sing "Carmen" in the Metropolitan Opera House, New York.

A discharged negro farm hand criminally assaulted Mrs. Ida Riedel, of Fairfax county, Va., yesterday.

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in Havana. They all belong to families of the highest respectability. On their way to the prison they were insulted by the soldiers, and one of them, Aurora Velez, who attempted to protest, was knocked down by a blow with a rifle.

Advices from Epirus says the Turks are laying the country with fire and sword.

The reported offer of the United States government to intervene amicably in Cuba is favorably commented upon at Havana.

Secretary Sherman has sent a note to the government of Great Britain urging that the indiscriminate butchery of seals in Alaska waters be stopped immediately.

The Honduras syndicate, composed of capitalists who live in the United States, has received sweeping concessions.

A dispatch from Trikhalas, Greece, last night says the insurgent bands have returned to Greek territory.

Captain-General Weyler, on arriving at Sancti Spiritus, Cuba, learned that the insurgents had crossed the trocha. He ordered pursuit.

American and French fishing vessels have been refused bait at St. John's for the Newfoundland Banks fisheries.

It is reported from Canea that the Cretans recently imported a Turkish non commissioned officer whom they had captured.

United States Minister McKenzie has left Lima, Peru, for the United States.

Yellow fever has broken out at Panama.

The London Daily Telegraph has a despatch from Vienna saying that the Austrian Government has been informed that the United States declines to recognize the blockade of Crete.

The Salisbury World says: "The Southern will shortly have a new wrecking train of an improved pattern. The car will be provided with bunks and other modern paraphernalia and will in every way be much better fitted for wrecking work than the car used at present.

A nine year-old negro boy who is mute and insane, claws, tears things, roots and grunts like a hog was carried yesterday from Concord to the Goldsboro asylum.

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