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MEN BEHIND THE NORFOLK SOUTHERN.

The list of officers of the Norfolk Southern Railway was published by The News yesterday. A glance at this list is sufficient to convince one of the brains, ability and experience arrayed at the head of this great system.

Just now we wish to speak of the newly elected first vice-president. The Greensboro News has written an editorial in praise of Mr. Duncan, the same being published below. Mr. Duncan, as The News says, has made a fine record since first his name began to be connected with large railway propositions. Some time ago Governor Aycock publicly acknowledged the debt he owed to Mr. Duncan for his services in handling the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad proposition. Later on Mr. Duncan won a national reputation for the magnificent record he made as one of the receivers for the Seaboard Air Line. His ability has finally attracted merited attention, and his case goes to show what a man of brains and push can become. We quote from The News as follows:

"All North Carolinians who like to see ability and fitness recognized will find pleasure in the announcement that E. Carl Duncan was yesterday chosen as first vice-president of the Norfolk Southern Railway, a system that is fast becoming one of the most important in the South. Those who have watched Mr. Duncan climb the ladder of success are not surprised at his preference for the duties and responsibilities of first vice-president of a great and growing railroad system. He has won every inch of the progress he has made. This recognition is the reward of merit.

"While Mr. Duncan was yet an obscure figure in the business world he modestly made himself felt in aiding Governor Aycock to straighten out and adjust the tangle into which the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad had fallen.

"It was only recently that Governor Aycock made public acknowledgement at a banquet in Raleigh of the splendid and valued services then rendered by Mr. Duncan. Later a larger and far more difficult task was undertaken and mastered by Mr. Duncan as one of the receivers of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, in which he made a national record. The road was placed in fine business shape and turned loose to proceed with its great work of extension and development.

"Last year Mr. Duncan was the purchaser for the Norfolk Southern of the charter of the Raleigh, Charlotte and Southern Railroad, a movement that led to the purchase of the lines of the Aberdeen & Ashboro, the Durham & Charlotte, and the Raleigh & Southport roads by the Norfolk Southern, the most important railroad deal taking place in this state in many years. Mr. Duncan's business sagacity in handling these large and important deals has had much to do with their successful issue thus far. In addition, he is president of one of the strongest banks in the state, an institution that has grown rapidly by good management and won a large place in the confidence of the public.

"The election of Mr. Duncan is, in addition to the honor to himself, an honor to North Carolina. It gives the state another vice-president of a great railroad system. Like Col. A. B. Andrews, of the Southern Railway, he is a home product captain of industry. And like Col. Andrews, he is spending his abilities and energy in building up vital forces for the development of his loved native state. Andrews and Duncan will live in history long after they give up railroad building and lay down life's activities."

IMPROVING THE HOME.
Winston-Salem is progressive. Leaders in the municipal life of that city are constantly on the alert for new ideas, new plans, new policies. Any scheme which holds promise of improving any phase of civic life is readily taken up.

One of the latest moves made by the chamber of commerce of that city is to offer a series of prizes for best kept premises in Forsyth. The list is unusually interesting:

"The best method or greatest improvement by carrying or piping water from the well or spring to the kitchen.
"For the home in Forsyth county which shows the most sanitary conditions about the house and well.
"For the home which has provided the most sanitary method for caring for and removing garbage and filth of all kinds.
"For the home which shows the greatest improvement in building or repairing, and in whitewashing or painting the fences around the home, garden or barn.
"For the best kept lawn.
"For the lawn which shows the greatest improvement by planting shrubbery or trees.
"For the home which shows the best general sanitary conditions about the entire premises.
"For the home which shows the greatest interior improvements by painting or papering, kalsomining or whitewashing the wall, or painting the floor.
"For the home that shows the greatest improvement in providing carpets, matting or rugs for the floors, the price of which shall not be taken into consideration in awarding the prizes.
"To the home that shows the greatest improvement by decorating the walls with pictures, curtains or otherwise.
"For the home which shows the greatest improvement in new furniture.
"To the kitchen of any country home, which is best equipped with labor-saving methods for the farmers' wife and family.
"To the country home which shows the greatest improvement in heating facilities in other rooms than the kitchen.
"For the country home which has the best heating and cooking facilities in the kitchen.
"For the home which shows the best method of caring for and disposing of slops from the kitchen.
"For the home which shows the cleanest and most sanitary hog-pen in Forsyth county.

"In awarding the prizes, the cost of the improvements will not be taken into consideration, but on the percentage of improvements, irrespective of cost, so that each contestant will be on equal footing with all others."
The prizes offered are for farmers of Forsyth. Commenting upon this plan the Progressive Farmer says:

"We commend the example set by Winston-Salem to other cities and towns and to rural communities. There is no reason why a county neighborhood could not form an association and duplicate many of these prizes or offer others for improvements especially needed in that community.
"Even where no prizes are offered, and where there is no contest or rivalry, it will pay many farm families to keep some of this list of subjects in mind and to make a special effort to improve along those lines this year."

Why can not Charlotte adopt some similar policy for the improvement of homes, not only in Mecklenburg, but in the city?

Attend the Law and Order League meeting. Every good citizen, no matter what solution of the liquor question he considers best, should be intensely interested in the strict enforcement of all laws written on the statutes.
About time for the Wilson haters to launch another tirade of misrepresentation.
South Carolina never heard of Charles Dickens.

Seven Great Astronomers

NO. 5—SIR ISAAC NEWTON.
The Latin epitaph on the monument of Sir Isaac Newton, in Westminster-Abbey, where he was interred on March 20th, 1727, may be thus translated: "Here lies Isaac Newton, who, by vigor of mind almost supernatural, first demonstrated the motions and figures of the planets, the paths of the comets, and the tides of the ocean. He discovered, what before his time no one had even suspected, that rays of light are differently refrangible, and that this is the cause of colors. An assiduous, sagacious and faithful interpreter of nature, antiquity, and the Holy Scriptures, he asserted in his philosophy the majesty of God, and exhibited in his conduct the simplicity of the gospel. Let mortals rejoice that there has existed such and so great an ornament of human nature."

Sir Isaac Newton accomplished wonders in his study of astronomy, and equally so in natural philosophy. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1642, and in early youth evinced a great fondness for mathematical pursuits and a remarkable aptitude for drawing and constructing machinery.
One day while reclining in the field under a tree the fall of an apple led him to a train of reflections which resulted in his elucidation of the principles of gravitation which he proved to effect vast orbits on high, not less than the smallest thing on earth.
It was just after the death of Galileo that Newton was born, and even the great fame of the former must, in a way, be relegated to a second place in comparison with that of the philosopher who first expounded the true theory of the universe. The age had become ripe for the advent of the genius of Newton. Kepler had discovered with marvelous penetration the laws which govern the movements of the planets around the sun, and in various directions it had been more or less vaguely felt that the explanation of Kepler's laws must be sought for in the attractive power of matter. But the mathematical analysis which alone could deal with this subject was wanting; it had to be created.
The attraction of gravitation in the falling of the apple to the earth led Newton to believe that such gravitation must extend to all among the planets. That the power which makes an apple fall to the earth's surface is the power which guides the moon in its orbit.
Once Newton had taken this step the whole scheme of the universe might almost be said to have become unveiled before the eye of the philosopher. Step by step he advanced until he had completely accounted for all phenomena. The resources of his genius seemed, however, to prove equal to almost any demand

that could be made upon it. All of his discoveries were brought together in that immortal work, Newton's "Principia." Down to the year 1687, when the "Principia" was published, Newton had lived the life of a recluse at Cambridge being entirely occupied with those transcendent researches to which references have been made. Notwithstanding Newton's fame the state had not as yet taken any notice whatever of the most illustrious man of science that England or any other country had produced. Finally he was elected president of the Royal Society, and in this position was brought into close contact with Prince George of Denmark through whom he was finally introduced into court.
Though Newton lived long enough to receive the honor that his astonishing discoveries so greatly merited, and though for years of his life his renown was much greater than that of any of his contemporaries, yet it is not too much to say that, in his ears which have since elapsed his fame has been ever steadily advancing, so that it never stood higher than it does at this moment.
It is hard to decide whether to admire more the sublime discoveries at which he arrived, or the extraordinary character of the intellectual processes by which these discoveries were reached. Viewed from either standpoint, Newton's "Principia" is incomparably the greatest work on science that has yet been produced.

Tomorrow—William Herschel.

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