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THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1903.

GOOD ROADS SOME MORE.

The question that should be of most vital interest to all classes of citizens of this county is that of securing a good system of roads and public highways.

We people of Rutherford need a road law—one that will enable our farmers to carry six bales of cotton as easily as we can carry two at present.

We do not attempt to disguise the truth that such a system would cost the county some money; but on the other hand we feel assured that the benefit would be commensurate with the cost.

Again, it is only a question of the length of time when every county in the western portion of the State will work their own convicts. Now the thing for us to do is to get our law first and obtain the convicts for our roads from adjoining counties before they get theirs.

OVERMAN LEADS IN RACE FOR SENATOR.

The Democratic caucus for the nomination of a United States Senator, balloted again Tuesday night, making seventeen in all that have been taken, and then adjourned until yesterday evening at 4 o'clock when the balloting was resumed.

A private letter to THE TRIBUNE from Raleigh, dated Tuesday, says "that the nomination belongs to no man yet."

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BOOTH'S SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT.

A Chicago Woman Tells of His Escape from Washington.

Was John Wilkes Booth the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln, shot by his pursuers as history relates, or did he succeed in escaping and hiding for years in London? These lives in Chicago a woman who was once the wife of a sea captain, and who declares that Booth was never killed and who holds that the mysterious account of his alleged death and burial is an attempt to hide a blunder on the part of the pursuing party.

This woman, Mrs. Maggie Crist, is a widow, and was formerly Mrs. Hagggett, the wife of the captain of a coasting vessel. She claims that she knew John Wilkes Booth, and that her husband, Captain Hagggett, aided the assassin in escaping by carrying him from Havana, Cuba, to Nassau, New Providence, three months after the assassination of the great emancipator.

There have been many persons who have declared that Booth had escaped from the country. The controversy has been opened several times, and as often some of the members silenced the discussion by declaring in positive terms that they saw the assassin shot and prepared for burial.

Mrs. Crist declares that she is ready to take oath that Booth escaped the hand of justice. She declares that she was with him during his flight from Havana to Nassau, and she owns a diamond ring which she declares John Wilkes Booth gave her when he left Captain Hagggett's vessel.

"Persons have called me mad for saying that John Wilkes Booth gave me this ring," says Mrs. Crist, "but I am willing to take oath as to the truthfulness of my story. John Wilkes Booth escaped quickly and safely from Washington and returned to England, the home of his ancestors, and he lived there unidentified for years.

"My former husband, Captain Thomas Hagggett, was a friend of the Booths and he aided John Wilkes Booth to escape to England. He picked Booth up at Havana, Cuba, and for many days we were together. He was accompanied by a Captain Symmes and the two left us at Nassau.

"Our boat was a sort of a rover. We carried a crew of eight and were forced to run the blockade during the war. This we did successfully and made a fortune off the salt and merchandise we took into the Southern port.

"Until the Chicago fire I preserved the ship's log and all the memoranda of the trip from Tampico to Havana and thence to Nassau. The log and all papers were destroyed in the house that stood at No. 110 Michigan avenue, and this ring would have been destroyed too, perhaps, had not my daughter been wearing it at the time.

"It was almost, if not quite three months later that we entered Havana harbor. We remained there for some time, discharging part of our cargo and taking on other merchandise. We determined to set sail for Nassau, and one evening several days prior to our departure Captain Hagggett said that he had not killed the President instantly.

"Before coming aboard the ship he told Captain Hagggett how he reached Havana. He said that he escaped from Washington on horse-back, and that he journeyed southward through part of Maryland, and finally crossed into Virginia. Overland, aided by Confederate sympathizers, he made his way to Savannah, Ga. He said he had planned to escape from that port, but in case it would be impossible he had planned to continue on to New Mexico. He said he never doubted for a moment that he

HONOR ROLL.

Pupils of the Graded School Who Stand High in Classes.

Honor Roll for school month ending December 25th.

FIRST GRADE. Lloyd Bell, Annie Craton, Marie Reid, Essie Rudasill, George Mills, Frank Mills, Fred Williams, Mamie Williams.

SECOND GRADE. Joe Erwin, Leslie Taylor, Claud Miller, Max Ramsey, Eddie Hodge, Fannie Washburn, Lollie Smith, Maude Hester, Grady Jones, Annie Wilkins, Annie Rucker, Mac McDaniel.

THIRD GRADE. Robert Taylor, Charles Walker, Lewis Powers, Ocie Biggerstaff, Ola Callahan, Mary Dickerson, Effie Morrow, Enos Ramsey, Annie Phillips, Etta Powers, Roger Walker.

FOURTH GRADE. Maud Bell, Ellen Erwin, Alda Grayson, Lollie Harris, Fannie Justice, Bessie McFarland, Annie McBrayer, Caudis Rayburn.

FIFTH GRADE. Lola Rayburn, Ollie Bell.

SIXTH GRADE. Kathleen Harris, Nannie Morgan, Mary Biggerstaff, Bruna Biggerstaff, Nellie McBrayer, Ulysses Hester, Nora McDaniel, Elmer Dorsey, Evie Rucker.

SEVENTH GRADE. Maud Guthrie, Eloise Griffin, Ruskin Morgan, Mal Jones, Bremon Quinn, Willard Powers, McGilvery Miller, Harb McDaniel.

BROAD RIVER HAPPENINGS.

A Pleasant Sojourn—Hunting in S. C.—Mr. Potter Moves.

LINE, January 13.—Rev. L. Ezell, the supply at Arrowwood church, made his first visit on Saturday. Owing to the unfavorable weather Sunday he failed to be on hand.

The Misses Butler, of Forest City, visited their friends, Misses Nona and Lura Painter Saturday and the sociable group in honor of the visitors, at the home of Mr. W. Painter was "pleasant."

Miss Carrie McKinney is visiting relatives in Spartanburg, S. C. Messrs. V. E. McKinney, and W. K. McDowell went to South Carolina bird hunting last week. The report is "successful."

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Notice!

TO ALL WHO MAY BE CONCERNED: The undersigned hereby gives notice that they will make application to His Excellency, Charles B. Aycock, Governor of North Carolina, on the 17th day of January, 1903, or soon thereafter, for a pardon of the judgment of the Superior Court of Rutherford county, by which they were sentenced to four months in the county jail of Rutherford county, N. C. This the 8th day of January, 1903.

JOHN McMAHAN, and LESTER McMAHAN, M. L. Edwards, Attorney.

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OUR MOTTO FOR 1903! SOMETHING TRUE.

We pass from the old into the New Year congratulating not only ourselves, but also our customers. There could be no success for ourselves which was not a corresponding one for our customers. There could be no good fortune for us without equal prosperity for them.

A careful study of the disease of mankind and their demands has enabled us to close a very prosperous year. Keep posted on the up-to-date drugs, their products and derivatives by visiting often the

City Drug Store, Rutherfordton, N. C.

Be an Early Bird!

Don't wait until the Winter is gone to get your Winter Clothes and Overcoats, thinking you may save a few cuts by so doing. THERE IS NO ECONOMY IN FREEZING YOURSELF TO DEATH in Winter wearing your Summer Suit and when next Summer comes burn yourself up wearing your Winter Suit.

Common Sense Ought to Teach You

to keep yourself comfortable, by wearing Winter Suits in Winter and Summer Suits in Summer. I WANT TO DRESS YOU UP FOR CHRISTMAS from top to bottom, new HAT, SHIRT, TIE, SUIT, SHOES, ETC. MY HOLIDAY GOODS ARE IN and will be opened up by the first of December. Don't fail to see them.

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These you may be sure of— Lisk's Patent Anti-Rusting Dippers, old price 20, now 15c. Lisk's Patent Anti-Rusting 4-Quart Sauce Pan, old price 50 cents, reduced to 35c.

Lisk's Patent Anti-Rusting 2-Quart Cups, old price 30 cents, now reduced to 25c. Good quality Black Handle Dipper, old price 7c., now 5c. Good quality Coffee Pots, 10 to 75c. Universal Meat Chopper—the best on earth—old price \$1.25, now reduced to \$1.18.

A No. 1 Coffee Mill, old price 50 cents, now 40c. A full line of Grey stone Enameled Steel ware at reduced prices. This sale lasts for 30 only, and we especially invite the ladies to call and examine our stock.

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