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STATE NEWS ITEMS.

Haywood county has elected three women on its school boards.

Durham county has just completed its part of the Central Highway through the State.

Wake county will vote August 12 on a proposition to issue \$1,000,000 of bonds for good roads.

Last week Wilmington had a disastrous fire on the water front causing a loss of about \$40,000.

On Monday Col. C. A. Mason, a retired U. S. Army officer, residing in Wilkes county, died suddenly of heart failure.

Congressman Stedman has ended the row over the appointment of a postmaster at Melrose by recommending James T. Dick.

A brigadier entered the Mison jewelry store in Henderson Sunday night and carried off \$500 worth of watches, scarf pins, etc.

A meeting of interested parties will be held in Salisbury Tuesday to discuss the drainage of forty miles of creek in Rowan county.

A. B. Saleeby, a well known Syrian resident of Salisbury, has made application for appointment as United States consul to Syria.

On Sunday Brigadier-General Carl A. Woodruff, U. S. A., retired, died at his home in Raleigh after an illness of some duration.

The taxable property of Winston-Salem, as appears from the tax list just completed, shows an increase of \$2,141,293 over the amount last year.

Col. Riden Tyler Bennett, one of the State's best known citizens, soldiers, jurists, and statesmen, died at his home in Wadesboro on Monday.

Mecklenburg county has begun work on five or six miles of road necessary to connect its good road with Irondell's. The road will be sand-clay.

Congressman John H. Small has arranged with the National Bureau of Health to send an expert to study malarial and mosquito conditions in his district.

The State Corporation Commission has ordered the Southern Railway, on and after August 1, to put on an additional passenger train between Mount Airy and Sanford.

Disappointed in love, Jo. Black-welder, a Concord youth, attempted to end it all. The bullet entered his right side. He was taken to a hospital and is expected to pull through.

There is a great demand for highway engineers, this coming from thirty counties in the State. So far this year almost three million dollars have been voted for good road bonds by counties and townships.

On Sunday, Louis Phelps, a prisoner charged with larceny in Beaufort county, while being conveyed from Norfolk to Washington, N. C., leaped from the train into Albemarle Sound and was drowned.

Miss Grace Montague, of Baltimore, a guest of Dr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Harper, of Wilmington, died of heart failure or was drowned while in bathing Saturday at Myrtle Grove Sound, about ten miles from Wilmington.

Mrs. Elizabeth Van B. Nichols, formerly of New York, and a leader in social circles at Wilmington, has been indicted in three cases charging embezzlement of \$15,000 from her friend, Mrs. Helene P. Lemassona, of Philadelphia.

Rev. W. E. Trotman, of Haw River Circuit, a minister, who was tried by a church committee in the Methodist church at Pittsboro last week on the charge of writing an indiscreet anonymous letter to a lady member of his church, was acquitted of the charge.

A strenuous but unsuccessful effort has been made to move the Free Will Baptist school from Ayden in Pitt county to some other town, Greenville, Kinston, and Rocky Mount made bids for the

school, but the board of fifteen trustees from various sections of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia voted to let the school remain at Ayden.

Good Roads.

Governor Craig is making a tour of a large number of counties to talk good roads. We are glad to note this movement on the part of the governor. We know no way in which he can spend a more delightful vacation. The folks in the country are always glad to see their governor and, like the preacher, the governor always gets the best when he comes. The people hear him gladly and there is no theme or issue more vital or important now than that of good roads. We doubt if there is any field or line in which the governor can render a more distinct service to the people. The question of good roads touches the people—all the people—as closely as do railroad freight rates and the rates of insurance companies. In fact, good roads mean more than all the other things put together, for the reason that good roads bring all other good things. Wherever you find good roads you will find good schools, good churches and good communities. The primal need of the rural communities is the improvement of the public road and we commend the governor in his efforts to secure this great blessing for every county in North Carolina.

Some Fish Story.

Edward Cannady sends us the following fish story from Dothan, Alabama: "A fish story that bids fair to rival the most wonderful yet told is related concerning the catch of a thirty-two pound cat-fish by Lee Parker in the Etowah river near Gainsville a few days ago. The big fish had been hanged once before, but broke the hook. He was angled for later, when a large hook was used with a minnow for bait. The little fish was swallowed by an eel. As soon as the eel swallowed the minnow he in turn was nabbed by the monster catfish. True to his proverbial slickness, the eel ran through the gills of the catfish and found himself only to be captured again by the big catfish. A second time the eel ran through the gills of the fish, and when the big fish was landed, after pulling a boat and three men some distance up the river—it was found that the eel had tied a complete running noose about the fish's head. It is perhaps the first instance on record where a catfish was hanged by an eel and the execution was witnessed by several citizens above reproach and was related to the writer. The fish weighed exactly 32 pounds and that number of neighbors were invited to feast on it."

Age of Opportunity and Peril

Steadfastness of spirit and purity of thought about public service have been stamped into the life of the South by its strange, sad history. There are now added to these moral tonics, social sympathy and practical faith in common man, and these new ideas have been won out of such experience as to guarantee their genuineness and permanence. This nation should not forget that such qualities are spiritual forces needed to combat coarse power and industrialism to finer issues. Industrialism must modify but will not wholly destroy this spiritual quality. Our country is a venerable example of republican government, but, after all, as a society, it is young and unformed. The golden age of the Southern half of this unformed society is about to dawn—an age of wealth, of buoyant power, of freedom to run an unhindered race. Golden ages are the ages of danger to the character of individuals or people. The eternal merits and treasures of our risen empire, standing upon the threshold of its golden age of peril and opportunity, believe me, my friends, are not its mighty potencies of wealth, but a clear idealism bred in the bone, a tatelage of fidelity, an instinct for integrity, an aptitude for ethical insight powerful enough to steady the course of this great experiment as it encounters its moral crises,

and to contribute abundantly to the realization of the old hopes and faiths that give such solemnity and majesty to American beginnings.—Edwin A. Alderman.

Get a Lesson From the Jew.

Get a lesson from the Jew. He sticks to a thing until he makes a success. Over half the failures in business are brought about because of the lack of stick-to-it-iveness. A man goes into business with a bright future ahead of him. He is clever, honest and popular. At first he is successful. His profits come in fast. His reputation spreads through the country. His influence grows. He is envied by many and respected by all. After a while business gets dull. He becomes discouraged. He loses the energy he once possessed and only half works at his job. He worries instead of working; and worry doesn't help. Business gets worse. Collections fall off. Profits banish. Soon he cannot meet expenses. The sheriff closes him up. All is gone. He and his family are in rags. He is now an outcast; people refuse to associate with him. The man that once commanded a fortune is a pauper. If he had only put all his energy in his work and stuck to it the reward would have been great. But he didn't stick. If the American people would only get the stick to it idea firmly in their minds the failures in business would dwindle in number. Get a lesson from the Jew.

Fines and Forfeitures.

In a ruling just made by Attorney General T. W. Bickett as to the much agitated question of the division of fines and forfeitures in municipal courts between the city and the county treasuries instead of the present constitutional requirement that they be turned over to the county school fund when produced through the regular channels, he holds that when a penalty is recovered in a civil action by the municipality, having authority to sue for the same the town suing on account of violations of its ordinances the constitutional requirement does not apply and the town can retain the revenue in its own treasury. He holds furthermore that for violation of ordinances the offending party can be proceeded against at the same time by the State for having committed a misdemeanor and by the city for the collection of a penalty. This ruling is given Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner in a case that has come up from Charlotte in which the city sued for and recovered the penalty for exceeding the speed limit with his automobile and the county demanded the amount of the penalty for the county school fund. Under the Bickett ruling the city will retain the penalty instead of turning it over to the county. It is probable that many towns will now adopt this method to hold on to revenue that has been much in dispute a long time.

Clerk-Carrier Examination.

A Clerk-Carrier examination will be held in Henderson August 9, 1913. Age limit, 18 to 45 years on date of examination. Married women will not be admitted to examination. This prohibition, however, does not apply to women who are divorced or those who are separated from their husbands and support themselves, but they are eligible for appointment only as clerks. Applicants must be physically sound, and male applicants must be not less than five feet, four inches in height in bare feet, and weigh not less than 125 pounds without overcoat or hat. For application blanks and for full information relative to the examination, qualifications, duties, salaries, vacations, promotions, etc., address E. S. Rogerson, Local Secretary. WANTED—Man with horse and buggy to work Granville County; good proposition to right man. Address P. O. Box 230, Durham. 3tp.

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