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Marion Butler says he expects to be in the United States Senate again in less than ten years. Well, maybe he will, but not from the Old North State.

Because J. D. Rockefeller sent to the University of Chicago a substantial New Years greeting in the form of gifts aggregating nearly \$3,000,000, some fellow bobs up and says it was "conscience money."

Out in Arkansas the donning of stripes by a high official was made a social event. When ex-State Senator Butt started for Little Rock to begin his sentence of two years for bribery, the citizens of his home town gave him a farewell reception.

In speaking of the railroad building during the past year The New Orleans Picayune says: "It is interesting to see how the South is leading in railroad expansion with Texas first and Louisiana second, with Arkansas fifth, and Georgia, Florida and Mississippi coming up bravely."

Down in Georgia the legislature has enacted a law for the establishment of agricultural schools in the various congressional districts in the State, and they propose that these schools shall give thorough training in the ground work of practical agriculture. The bone of contention seems to be over what studies shall be incorporated in the curriculum, many contending that Latin, Greek or any of the higher branches of mathematics should not be included.

### Our Public Roads.

The subject of good roads will no doubt be a live one before the next general assembly.

A reprint of the office of public roads United States department of agriculture shows that in 1904 there were 49,763 miles of public road in the State of North Carolina.

Of this mileage, 438 miles were improved by the use of sand-clay mixtures, 422 miles were surfaced gravel, and 399 miles were surfaced with stone making a total of 1,259 miles of improved road. It will be seen from these figures that 2 1/2 per cent. of the roads has been improved. By comparing the total mileage with the area of the State, it appears that there was a little over 1 mile of public road per square mile of area. A comparison of mileage with population shows that there was 1 mile of road to every 38 inhabitants, but only 1 mile of improved road to every 1,504 inhabitants.

This report further shows that Pitt county had the largest number of miles of public roadway in the State, 2,000 miles; while New Hanover with only 104 has less public roadway than any other county. Yet New Hanover spends \$19,509 on her roads and Pitt spends \$7,000, less than half the amount spent by the far eastern county.

In 1904 Mecklenburg spent \$100,625 on public roads, Wake came next with \$60,214.43 and the other counties followed with smaller amounts. The counties expending the least road money in that year were Craven, \$675 and Vance \$600, while Lenoir came along with an expenditure of \$9,320. Vance had only 200 miles of roadway and Craven only 250, while Lenoir was put down as having 500 miles.

Of scarce less importance than the recent educational revival in North Carolina will be the good road revival that is now setting in. It is important that the rural districts be supplied with good roads; good schools are being established everywhere, and when the school, the road and the church are in first class condition the country will be uniformly and permanently prosperous in all the essentials of a happy, contented life.

While the matter of improving and opening up public roads is largely one of local application it is the duty of the State to encourage this form of public improvement in every community. We hope that the next legislature will take steps to accomplish this end.

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### Prediction May Not Come True.

The esteemed Charlotte Observer, always careful in its prediction, has made one that may not be fulfilled. It remarks that the slate for Governor has already been fixed and that the next Democratic candidate will be Hon. W. W. Kitchen, the present congressman from this district. There are to be found quite a number of gentlemen who want to see him nominated for the position. In fact it has been remarked that they were maintaining a regular bureau for the purpose of bringing this about. Most of them are candidates for Congress, there be at least five of them in the field. We are aware of the fact that some months ago they had Mr. Kitchen about in the humor to make the race for Governor, but the last authentic report was that he had resolved to make the race for Congress again, in which event it may not be so easy to fix the slate. One strong man might be able to give Mr. Kitchen a race for the congressional nomination, but with so many of them in the field, he may be able to do like the Irishman—"surround" them.—Greensboro Patriot.

### Railroad Continues Passes.

It is not necessary for a railroad to cancel its contracts with publishers according to the stand taken by the Missouri, Kansas and Texas road, through General Passenger Agent S. George, and sanctioned by the legal department of the road.

The proposed contract provides that the owner or publisher who is party to it, and the members of his family and employes will during the life of the contract travel over the road whenever they reasonably can, fares and accommodations being equal or better, and the publisher shall have the right to call upon the railway company for tickets, mileage or other passenger transportation as may be required for the exclusive use of the publisher, his family and employes, to the value of the contract. The transportation is to be charged for at full tariff rates, and the balance on either side at the expiration of the contract is to be paid in cash.

A list of those entitled to the transportation will be furnished to the general passenger agent when the agreement is signed. The newspaper or other publication required to furnish the railroad company monthly statements, showing the amount of advertising and the price per inch or line.

### Col. Mark Alexander Dead.

The death of Col. Mark Alexander yesterday at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. William Pinkney Whyte, Jr., at Ruxton, removes another gentleman of the "old school," a type which is fast disappearing.

Colonel Alexander was in his eighty-second year and had just returned from a long visit to his brother, Judge Charles Alexander, and his nephew, Mr. Alexander Hamilton, of Petersburg, Va. He came of distinguished Virginia ancestry, his grandfather Mark Alexander, being a signer of the Mecklenburg declaration of Independence; his uncle, Mark Alexander, was a Representative in Congress for three terms and a colleague and connection of John Randolph, of Roanoke; his father, Nathaniel Alexander, was a prominent planter of Mecklenburg county and had been a midshipman in the navy during the War of 1812.

The Colonel was a graduate and master of arts of the University of Virginia, and in his youth, which was spent largely in Washington, came in contact with many distinguished men still lingering on the stage of public affairs, among them Webster, Calhoun, Clay and President Tyler and he could tell many interesting incidents of them.

He married Anne Gordon Coleman, and their only child, Elizabeth, married the late Gen. James R. Herbert, of Confederate fame. His grand daughters are Mrs. Kennedy Boone, Mrs. William Pinkney Whyte, Jr., Mrs. Warren Buckler, Mrs. Courtland H. Smith and Miss Elizabeth Alexander Herbert. Besides them he leaves nine great-grand children.—Chase City Progress.

Mr. Alexander was related to the Gregory family of Granville county.

When the cold winds dry and crack the skin a box of salve can save much discomfort. In buying salve look for the name on the box to avoid any imitations, and be sure you get the original DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Sold by J. G. Hall.

### Live Up to It.

One day at a time conscientiously lived up to will keep the eyes bright and the cheeks round and rosy. Don't begin to worry about things days beforehand. It will be time enough when they happen. It is the dread of what may come, not what is, that makes one old before the time. If you lie awake half the night worrying about something that is going to occur the next morning you will be far less able to face bravely and work out the problems than if you had made an effort and thought of something else till sleep came. It is not half as hard as it sounds and will grow easier every time you try it. Perhaps after all the disaster will not befall you or will be less awful than you anticipated and just think what a lot of unnecessary wrinkles you have worried into your face.

### The Centenary of Robert E. Lee.

The following eulogy of General Lee occurs in a paper about him in January Lippincott's Magazine written by the widow of General Pickett.

"General Lee was noted for his impartiality. Only worthy deeds won recognition from him. He was urged by some of his officers to give his own son command of a brigade, but replied that he could not appoint an untried officer to so important a position.

He paid no more attention to personal antagonisms than to personal affection in the management of the army. He recommended a certain officer for promotion, despite the fact that friends urged him to withdraw his favor because the officer was in the habit of speaking disparagingly of Lee.

"The question is not what he thinks of me, but what I think of him, he said. 'I have a very high opinion of this officer as a soldier, and I shall certainly recommend him for promotion, and do all in my power to secure it.'"

"One of his officers speaking of the enemy, once remarked: 'I wish those people were all dead.'"

"How can you say that?" Lee remonstrated. Now, I wish they were all at home attending to their own business, leaving us to attend to ours."

### A Big Surplus.

The annual report of the directors of the State Prison shows that there is on hand an extraordinarily big surplus or reserve fund and that the State's Prison is in a splendid financial condition.

The report shows that the cash on hand and the credits amount to \$242,131.84, being close to a quarter of a million of dollars. There is not one cent owed by the Prison and the surplus is clear of all debt.

There is on hand 2,041 bales of cotton and of this 1,138 bales are of the crop of 1905. This has not been sold as it has been the opinion of the directors that cotton would advance. In the inventory the cotton on hand has been valued at but 10 cents a pound, though an offer of 10 1/2 cents a pound has been made.

The surplus is "all to the good" and does not include anything on hand necessary for the maintenance of the State's Prison this year. Among other things for use not in the surplus inventory are 2,000 barrels of corn, a great accumulation of hay and other feed stuff. The splendid condition of affairs shows that the Democratic officials in charge have applied the best of business methods in conducting the affairs of the State's Prison.—News & Observer.

### How to Avoid Pneumonia.

We have never heard of a single instance of a cold resulting in pneumonia or other lung trouble when Foleys' Honey and Tar has been taken. It not only stops the cough, but heals and strengthens the lungs. Ask for Foleys' Honey and Tar and refuse any substitute offered. Dr. J. C. Bishop of Agnew, Mich., writes: "I have used Foleys' Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia with good results in every case." J. G. Hall.

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Greenville wants the coming Legislature to locate the normal and industrial school for Eastern North Carolina in that town.

### Will Investigate the Statement.

Governor Glenn said a few days ago that he would first investigate the statement of Congressman Blackburn to the effect that he, Blackburn, was not responsible for the charge that the Gov. Glenn was guilty of corruption in connection with the school book award, before deciding finally what criminal action should be taken.

"As the matter stands now," said Governor Glenn, "Mr. Blackburn has denied that he gave out the letter containing the accusations, but I am advised that it was furnished the press by the private secretary of the congressman. Mr. Blackburn's retraction does not end the matter so far as I am concerned."

Mr. Blackburn denies the authorship of the letter, and pronounces it a forgery, but it was given to the press by his private secretary and claims he knew nothing about it. For the sake of decency we hope it will turn out as he claims, and prove that he was not guilty of so gross a slander upon our beloved Governor.

### Has Lost Right to Contest.

That E. Spencer Blackburn has forfeited his right to contest the election of R. N. Hackett to the Sixtieth Congress from the eighth North Carolina district, by waiting longer than 30 days after the meeting of the State board of elections, is evident by referring to the statutes governing such contests, and the date of the meeting of the board of elections. Section 105, revised statutes of the United States, says that whenever any person intends to contest an election of any member of the House of Representatives of the United States he shall within 30 days after the result of such election has been determined by the officer of the board of canvassers authorized by law to determine the same give notice, in writing to the member, whose seat he designs to contest, of his intention to contest the same, and in such notice shall specify particularly the grounds upon which he relies in the contest. The board of canvassers of this State met December last, and completed, verified and filed in the office of the Secretary of State the official returns, and the certificates of election were issued on these returns.

### His Picture Identified.

Senator Tillman tells a story on himself as to how he was identified by a post-office money-order clerk when he first arrived at the Capital City.

After being in the city a few days he dropped in at the post-office to cash a money-order.

"Do you know any one here who could identify you?" asked the clerk.

"Well, no," the Senator answered.

"Is that necessary? I am Ben Tillman, of South Carolina."

The clerk smiled, then asked the Senator if he didn't have some letters or papers that would make him known to the post-office authorities.

The Senator had put on a new suit that morning, and had neglected to transfer his letters, but he had his pocket-book with him. Digging down in his trousers pocket, he drew forth his wallet and proceeded to search for an article of identification, but could find nothing but a small photograph of himself.

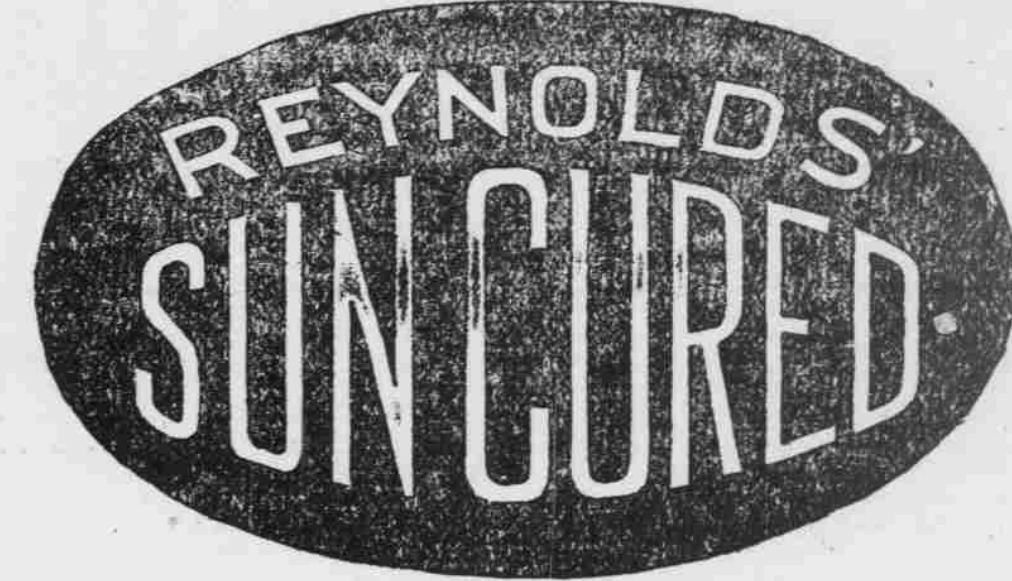
"This will do, I suppose," he said, handing it to the money-order clerk.

"Why, sure! That's you all right," remarked the man behind the counter, handing over the cash.—January Lippincott.

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