

Let Us Meet and Act.

The Legislature is now in session and the people of Alexander have not yet agreed upon a Road Law that will give us better roads.

We have suggested a Mass Meeting of our citizens for the purpose of talking this matter over and formulating a road law that will suit the majority. This plan seems to meet the approval of all with whom we have talked and we now ask every man in Alexander, who wants to see our public roads improved, to meet in Taylorsville on

Saturday, January the 18th

and let us see what the majority wants and then demand of our Representative that he give us such law.

This is no time to procrastinate and wait for the other fellow to move. It is the duty of every good citizen to take a hand in this matter. We will never have good roads under the present system and we should see that it is changed.

Now let every man who sees this tell his neighbors to be up and doing. Come to Taylorsville on the 18th and show, by your acts, that you are PROGRESSIVE.

Give Us a Dog Tax.

We are well aware that when we say "Dog Tax" many will cry opposition. The idea of placing a value on dogs and having them entered upon the tax list is very unpopular as good roads is with others.

But, when we get down to thinking, we are all bound to admit that we have too many worthless dogs in the State and the only way to get rid of them is to put a good, heavy tax on each dog and let the money go to building good roads for the citizens to travel over.

Tax the dogs and our people would gather in more eggs. No sensible man would pay tax on a suck-egg-dog, and the county and towns are full of them.

Tax the dogs and the poor man who is now working for three children and six dogs will soon be happy with his three children and one good dog.

Tax the dogs and we will have fewer mad-dogs. It is the worthless dog that goes mad and they would be killed out to avoid the Tax Collector.

Yes! give us a dog-tax. One that will be sure to remove not less than two thirds of the worthless, suck-egg and sheep-killing dogs out of our State.

Let everybody cry "Dog Tax" until our Legislature will be compelled to heed the cry and respond liberally.

Poultry Show.

At the annual meeting of the Alexander Poultry Association the following officers were elected for 1913:

President.— T. H. Miller.
 First Vice Pres.— H. D. Lindsey.
 Second Vice Pres.— C. H. Goodwin.
 Sect. and Treas.— M. T. Smathers.
 Asst. Sect. and Treas.— R. L. Snow.
 General Manager.— J. H. Burke.
 Asst. Gen. Manager.— W. T. Rowland.
 Executive Committee.— J. O. Hedrick, J. W. Sims, C. P.

Matheson, J. H. Watts and T. T. Sloope.

We had hoped to give a list of the Prize Winners this week, but the powers that runs the poultry show have not seen fit up to this writing, to give the paper that has worked for the success of the Association anything to publish. Maybe they failed to get the best prizes and are not anxious for the people to know it.

Stony Point Letter.

It has been so long since we wrote the Scout a letter that we scarcely know what to tell and what not to tell.

Mr. J. G. Ryan, who has been in the service of the U. S. Army, returned from the Philippine Islands, some days ago, to visit his parents, who live at this place.

Mr. R. E. Ryan left Monday for Richmond, Va., where he goes to take a business course.

Mr. H. M. Barringer, of Statesville, was in town Monday in interest of the Iredell Telephone Company's business. He says that he expects to have a new and up-to-date switchboard put in at Stony Point as soon as he can secure the proper quarters and make arrangement for having it installed.

Mr. N. I. Deal, of Mooresville, is spending some time here, visiting his daughters, Mesdames G. W. Sharpe and A. W. White.

Mr. Joseph Webb, of Iredell, visited in Stony Point last week.

Rev. E. D. Brown, of Loray, preached at the Presbyterian church here Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

Mr. T. M. Halyburton has moved out to his farm, about one and a half miles out of town.

Mr. Harry Miller, who spent the holidays in Stony Point visiting his parents, returned to Chapel Hill last Thursday, where he resumes his work for the spring.

The Spring term of Stony Point High School opened Monday, Jan. 6th, with splendid prospects for the best term in the history of the School. About all the students of the fall term have returned and a number of new students are entering.

Many have come and gone during the holidays whom we cannot mention if we were to try, since the writer spent one whole week out of town. But we have weddings galore. They say that right here in Stony Point there are five holiday brides. The contracting parties are: Mr. A. L. Millsaps and Miss Gertie Beckham; Mr. Marvin Ruffy and Miss Lola Millholland; Mr. Rome Ruffy and Miss Emma Elliot; Mr. Ed Baker and Miss Lona Ruffy, all of Stony Point; and Mr. R. L. Sloan, our miller, and Miss Cleo Johnson, of Buck Shoals, Yadkin County. Since there are too many brides to write a specific account of each we shall have to treat them all alike and say that we think surely all these gentlemen did well, and were very fortunate in securing such prizes. May they all live happy and content, and may the husbands never behold less beauty in the character of their brides, nor the brides have cause to lower their ideals of their husbands.

Mrs. J. A. Myers and children of Saltville, Va., are spending some time in Stony Point. Mrs. Myers is a sister to Mrs. G. W. Sharpe and Mrs. A. W. White. Now that the legislature is in session let us urge our Representative and Senator to vote for some school measures which will be brought before them at this session. First, we want funds appropriated to maintain a six months public school in every district. Secondly, we want a general compulsory attendance law requiring each child between eight and fourteen years of age to attend at

least four months in each year. North Carolina is behind almost all other states in education, and is going to continue to trail the list unless we bestir ourselves and do something for our schools, and then see to it that every flimsy excuse does not take our children out of school.

California Woman Seriously Alarmed.

"A short time ago I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs and caused me a great deal of annoyance. I would have had coughing spells and my lungs were sore and inflamed. I began to be seriously alarmed. A friend recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saying she had used it for years. I bought a bottle and it relieved my cough the first night, and in a week I was rid of the cold and soreness of my lungs," writes Miss Marie Gerber, Sausalito, Cal. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

Vashti Items.

We are pleased to state that Mr. R. L. Gwaltney has bought the old Connolly farm and moved his family here.

Mr. Fred Pool, of Washington was recently married to Miss Eva Green. Miss Green went to Washington three years ago to visit her sister, Mrs. Clarence Mehaffey. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Judson Green and a niece of Rev. L. P. and Attorney J. L. Gwaltney. Also a niece of Dr. Green, of Wilkesboro.

We regret to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Mehaffey have lost their little baby. The body has been embalmed and is expected here, any time, to be laid to rest in their home churchyard near where they were buried in baptism a short time before they left this section. We truly sympathize with them in their bereavement. Mrs. Mehaffey's health has failed and they were traveling in California when death claimed their baby.

Mrs. J. J. Crouch is very sick. Her son, Dr. Crouch, was up from Stony Point, last week to see her. We hope she will soon be well.

Prof. J. J. Hendren came up and spent the holidays with relatives in this section.

Miss Gracie Williams came in from Va, to spend the holidays and the day after Christmas, she was married to Mr. Edgar Hendren, of Iredell. They are splendid young people and have our best wishes.

Mr. Roscoe Williams, of Va., is here for a few weeks.

Rev. W. E. Linney and family have returned to Wake Forest where Mr. Linney has been in School.

Miss Fay Pool, who is in Tenn College, spent Christmas with one of her teachers, Miss Reed, of Franklin, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bowman are now located in Amorille, Tex.

Our prayer meeting grows more interesting all the time. X. Y. Z.

slow to bankrupt the Doctor. A prominent New York physician says: "If it were not for the thin needles and thin soled shoes worn by women the Doctor would probably be bankrupt." When you contract a cold do not wait for it to develop into pneumonia but treat it at once. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds, and has won a wide reputation by its cures of these diseases. It is most effective and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

Community Notes.

There has been some drinking during Christmas. The most we have known in a number of years.

Several of the students of the T. S. H. S. prolonged their vacation by not returning on Wednesday.

A number of people, in this section are suffering with bad colds.

Mr. John Webber, who has had an attack of dropsy, is better.

Mr. Babel Sherrill, of Caldwell, spent New Year's day with Mr. R. F. Tuttle.

At a Christmas tree, at Herman School House, Christmas eve, many nice presents were distributed among friends. An

report a nice time.

Mr. B. M. Harrington commenced a Singing School at Mt. Herman, Christmas week. Mr. Smith, of Caldwell also commenced one at Popular Springs.

There was a singing contest, between Mt. Herman and Popular Springs Choirs, at Three Forks, two Sundays ago.

A New Years party was enjoyed at Mr. Wilse McBrides on last Wednesday night.

The young ladies of Herman School spent Saturday night with their teacher, Miss Blanche Echerd.

Mr. Ralph Echerd is spending a few days at home.

Messrs. L. B. Tuttle and G. P. Sherrill, of Caldwell, spent several days here last week with relatives at Parree.

About 25 young people gathered at Mr. John Echerds, on last Saturday night and enjoyed a Sociable.

Ratler.

Signs Of Consumption.

Be on the lookout for consumption. Four out of five early cases can be cured, but only about one out of five late cases survive. The mortality from consumption would be reduced immensely if the disease were easily recognized in its early stages. Unfortunately, many consumptives go to their graves without knowing that they have the disease until it was too late to make much of a fight.

There are a number of signs of consumption, but none of them are infallible. One of the earliest signs is an unwarranted tired feeling. Tiring easily is always suggestive of consumption, but it may also be an indication of many other things. It may suggest hookworms, and we know that some people are "marked for rest." If one is very susceptible to colds and has difficulty in throwing them off, or catches one cold on top of another, he should be on his guard.

When suspicion is aroused the body temperature should be noted five or six times a day, and if the morning temperature is as low as 98 and the afternoon temperature as high as 100 consult a doctor at once for a more thorough examination. While the temperature sign is not conclusive, it is more reliable than the easily tired symptom.

When the germs of consumption are found in the sputum, no further evidence of the presence of the disease is necessary. The only trouble is that this is not a very early sign. The important thing is to recognize the disease early, so that we may lock the stable before the horse is stolen.

So called consumption cures are fakes. They take peoples money, stimulate them for a short time, and leave them in worse shape than before. Fresh air, abundance of good, pure food, and rest, all under the direction of a competent doctor, are the chief factors in the cure of consumption.

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