

**The Commonwealth.**

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1901.  
QUEEN VICTORIA DEAD.

Her Majesty, Victoria queen of England, died Tuesday night, January 22, 1901, at 6:30 o'clock. She was born May 24, 1819, and was in her 82nd year.

**SENATOR SIMMONS.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina on Tuesday of this week elected Hon. F. M. Simmons United States Senator to succeed Marion Butler. In the Senate Mr. Simmons received 86 votes and Richmond Pearson received 8. In the House Mr. Simmons received 88 votes and Richmond Pearson 18.

The speeches for Mr. Simmons were fine in both houses, but we have no space for them this week.

**THE LEGISLATURE.**

TUESDAY, JAN. 17TH.

SENATE.—Senator Broughton introduced a bill for the establishment of a Reform School. The following describes it:

The management is vested in five trustees to be appointed by the Governor for 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 years respectively and their successors for five full years. They are to receive no compensation besides expenses. They shall select the location and as a site for the school a tract of between 100 and 200 acres, central location preferred. The trustees choose a superintendent, who gives a \$500 bond, and necessary officers. They also determine what classes shall be admitted to the school. The bill provides that the trustees may receive any boy or girl between 8 and 16 now in the penitentiary or a workhouse with as much as six months of their sentence unserved except such as have been convicted of murder and arson; judges may send children of the prescribed age to the reform school to remain till 21 years old instead of to the penitentiary or workhouse; judges may upon proof that a child over ten is committing crimes send such a child to the school. The bill appropriates \$25,000, or so much thereof as is necessary, for the school, but provides that not more than half of that sum shall be available in 1901 and 1902.

HOUSE.—Various bills were introduced. A joint session was held with the Senate for canvassing the vote of the State officers, which was all done before the inauguration of Gov. Aycock.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16TH.  
News & Observer.

SENATE.—The Senate passed two bills of general interest one offered by Senator Gudger of Buncombe, authorizing Congress to secure land in Western Carolina for a national forestry reserve and the other by Senator Henderson repealing and amendment to the Code adopted by the Legislature of 1889 forbidding the formation of corporations under the laws of this State with a capital stock of more than \$1,000,000. Senator Henderson stated briefly that he could see no reason for the statute and he thought it injurious. One mining company in Rowan county had a capital of \$3,000,000, and was incorporated under the laws of another State because they could not take out articles of incorporation in North Carolina. The company had already spent \$1,500,000 in this State.

HOUSE.—The work of the House of Representatives yesterday was almost entirely of a routine nature. Several bills were disposed of, among them one to amend the charter of the town of Reidsville, which provides for an extension of the corporate limits of that town. A resolution was adopted directing the keeper of the capitol to unfurl the national flag upon the dome of the capitol during each day of the session of the General Assembly. Mr. McLean, of Scotland, introduced a bill providing that the State's Prison be empowered to manufacture fertilizers for agricultural purposes. This, of course, carries with it the securing of all necessary land, buildings and machinery for the purpose. The framer of the bill, in presenting it before the House, said that its importance to the farmers of North Carolina was vital, that probably no measure affecting

them more directly would be introduced this session.

THURSDAY, JAN. 17TH.  
News & Observer.

SENATE.—The most important measure was the bill by Senator Aycock: "To provide for the creation of a text book commission and to procure for use in public free schools a uniform series of text books." The Senate ordered 100 copies of the bill printed.

Among the bills that passed third reading was the following:

Senate bill for the relief of the dangerous insane department in the hospital at Raleigh. This was introduced by Senator Speight and appropriates \$5,000 to pay the amount drawn from the treasury, and \$700 for current expenses. Senator Webb explained that the Legislature of 1899 created the department and failed to make the appropriation.

HOUSE.—The Senate bill appropriating \$200 for the immediate needs of the State Hospital at Raleigh in caring for its dangerous insane was promptly passed. This bill also provides for the repaying to the State the maintenance of the criminal insane. The House also passed the Senate resolution for the improvements of the upper Cape Fear River.

Mr. Parker of Halifax introduced a bill authorizing the commissioners of Halifax county to use the funds from sale of lands under Acts of 1899, chapter 335.

FRIDAY, JAN. 18.  
Morning Post.

SENATE.—The most important bill introduced was by Senator Travis, appropriating \$200,000 for providing four months school in every county in the State.

Senate Bill 91, introduced by Senator Brown of Columbus, was made the special order Wednesday at 12 o'clock, on motion of Senator Woodard.

"It is a very sweeping bill and there will doubtless be considerable discussion of it," added Senator Woodard.

HOUSE.—Mr. Winston of Bertie introduced an important bill which provides that the counties in the State shall lease farms for the purpose of working their convicts, and provision is also made that they work the public roads. The bill provides that all convicts who are sentenced to serve terms of ten years and under shall be sent to these county farms for the purpose of improving the county roads.

SATURDAY, JAN. 19TH.  
News & Observer.

SENATE.—The session of the Senate was brief, the body adjourning until

**FOOD CHANGED TO POISON.**

Purifying food in the intestines produces effects like those of arsenic, but Dr. King's New Life Pills expel the poisons from clogged bowels, gently, easily but surely, curing Constipation, Biliousness, Sick Headache, Fevers, all Liver, Kidney and Bile troubles. Only 25c at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s.

Monday to commemorate the birthday of the late General Robert E. Lee. However, the proceedings were marked by a sensation when Senator Gudger, of Asheville, openly stated on the floor of the Senate that he believed Dr. J. L. M. Curry had assisted in depriving Hon. W. T. Crawford of his seat in Congress and in seating Richmond Pearson; hence Senator Gudger said he was opposed to inviting Dr. Curry to address the General Assembly.

Dr. Curry is one of the more prominent educators in the nation, being now the treasurer of the Peabody Educational Fund, from which some educational institutions of this State receive aid, and Senator Gudger's words could not fail to produce a sensation. Dr. Curry is a Democrat and has held foreign appointments from that party.

INVITATION TO DR. CURRY.  
Senator Gudger's remarks were provoked by a joint resolution introduced by Senator McIntyre of Robeson. The resolution read as follows:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring: "That the Honorable J. L. M. Curry, Treasurer of the Peabody Educational Fund, be invited to address the General Assembly in the hall of the House of Representatives at such time as will be convenient for him."

Lieut. Gov. Turner put the motion to adopt and the resolution passed, only one voice being heard in the negative.

**SENATOR GUDGER EXPLAINS.**

Senator Gudger was then recognized and said: "Mr. President, I desire to explain why I voted 'no' upon the adoption of the resolution just passed. I have reliable information that Dr. Curry used his influence and lobbied in the National House of Representatives to unseat Hon. William T. Crawford, who had been elected by the people of my section, and to seat in his stead Richmond Pearson, who had not been elected by the people. With this information, since Dr. Curry is considered a Democrat, I felt compelled to vote against the resolution inviting him to address the General Assembly."

This closed the incident in the Senate, but not a few Senators were heard discussing the matter afterwards.

HOUSE.—The House session was short an adjournment being taken about 11:30 in honor of Gen. R. E. Lee's birthday. However, quite a good deal of business was transacted, and a reasonably lively discussion was indulged in over the question of authorizing the Joint Committee on Roads and Turnpikes to employ a stenographer.

**Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.**

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depends upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling some of Swamp-Root. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling some of Swamp-Root. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling some of Swamp-Root.

It is a mystery why women endure Backache, Headache, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Fainting and Dizzy Spells when thousands have proved that Electric Bitters will quickly cure such troubles. "I suffered for years with kidney trouble," writes Mrs. Phoebe Cherley, of Peterson, Ia., "and

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Yours for business,  
**G. C. WEEKS.**  
With R. C. Josey & Co.'s Hardware Store.

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the application will be made to the next session of the Legislature of North Carolina to amend the charter of the town of Scotland Neck. By order of the Board of Commissioners.  
W. T. CLEMENT, Mayor.  
Scotland Neck, N. C., Jan. 9, 1901.  
1-10-4

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**Lumber For Sale!**

I have on hand:  
150,000 ft. No. 4 Flooring.  
200,000 ft. 4-4 Narrow Edge Board and Colla.  
25,000 ft. Cypress Boards.  
75,000 ft. Box strips.  
75,000 ft. No. 3 Ceiling.  
Car Load No. 2 Ceiling.  
Car Load No. 4 Flooring.

Parties wishing to buy please come quickly, as I am going to sell, and that cheaply.  
1-3-4  
S. F. DUNN.

**Notice to Tax Payers!**

This is to Notify the Tax payers of Halifax county that the Tax collectors will be required to settle 1900 Taxes by the 1st Monday in May, 1901. The Tax payers are, therefore, requested to pay promptly and save the collectors trouble.  
By order of the Board of County Commissioners.  
J. H. NORMAN, Clerk.  
Jan. 9, 1901.

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We shall receive a large lot of Clothing this week at Great Prices.

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Will open in the Scotland Neck (Brick) Hotel on February 1st, 1901, with a full line of first-class goods.  
**GUARANTEED FIT.**  
Office next door to Bank.

**Notice.**  
Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the General Assembly at its session of 1901 for a charter for a Railroad to be run from Scotland Neck to some point on Roanoke River between Edward's Ferry and Hamilton.  
This January 23rd, 1901.


**HURRAH FOR SCOTLAND NECK!**

Woke up at last. Going to have a big Mass Meeting of all the white citizens of the town Thursday Night at the Futrell Opera House, for the purpose of discussing the New improvements we are going to have, such as Electric Lights, Water Works, Graded School, and, best of all, a New Railroad to some deep water point on Roanoke River. Mighty nice, all this is, and we ought to have the whole shooting match, but you must have a first-class Hardware Store in co-partnership if you want to succeed, and

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