

THE COMMONWEALTH.

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SYMPATHY FOR EDITOR THOMAS.

His friends throughout the State, and especially members of the State press, will sympathize with Mr. J. A. Thomas, editor of the Franklin Times, in the death of his wife, which occurred at her home in Louisiana a few days ago.

Mr. Thomas is one of the best beloved newspaper men of the State and his brethren of the press extend him sympathy.

NOT YET HEARD.

The Corporation Commission some time ago ordered a train on the Plymouth branch of the Atlantic Coast Line, but so far nobody has heard the train blow. Having secured the Selma connection and the new train on the North Carolina road, the people at Williamston and other towns needing better facilities hope the Commission will see that the Atlantic Coast Line obeys the order.—News and Observer.

And the people at Williamston, Plymouth, Hobgood, Scotland Neck, and other points along the line for which the new train was ordered would be very glad to "hear the train blow" in obedience to the order of the Corporation Commission. If we are to have it let's have it, and if we are not to have it let us know it.

Active at 104.

Abram Geogory, an old negro, who is a witness at the present term of court, was born in 1803 in Sampson county, moved to Mississippi in 1839 spent 43 years in that State, returned to North Carolina sixteen years ago, is hale and hearty and says he never was sick nor ever missed a meal of victuals in his life. He talks interestingly of the old time. Never was "pulled down" in a log-field and always stood his ground on all occasions.—Sampson Democrat

WORK ROADS BY TOWNSHIPS.

Tax Payer at Tillery Outlines a Plan.

Dear Mr. Editor:— Please allow me a little space in your valuable paper to say a few words in regard to a matter that interests every man, woman, child and beast of burden in Halifax county, viz: Roads. Being a daily traveler on the roads, both winter and summer, amid fair weather and foul, over roads fairly good and roads unspeakably bad, naturally I have given roads some thought.

The old style of "warning in" hands was a failure and the present system of chain gang working is not a success.

While they have done good work in ditching, widening and throwing up the roads, still the county is so large that they do not get over them often enough.

Now, the plan I propose (and others with me) is this: Let each township have a road commissioner separate and apart from the county commissioners.

Let each township have a pair of mules and a light road machine and split log drag. Let the township commissioner hire a man to run the machine the year around. Every time the roads are cut up by teams so the water stands in holes (and this is what makes bad roads) let the township man work them over and keep holes filled up.

This would probably cost each township \$1,000 a year to start with which is probably not as much as the present system costs.

Now, the above is only a rough outline of what may be, and in the opinion of many, ought to be done.

I think we should ask our Representatives in the Legislature to give us a law to carry out some plan like the above. I have no ax to grind. I only see the need of good roads in our county if we would keep pace with other counties in material progress.

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The Legislature.

Monday, Feb. 4th—23rd Day.

SENATE—Most of the work in the Senate was of a local nature. Senator Thorne introduced a bill to restore the practice of dentistry to its former position as a branch of medicine and surgery.

HOUSE—Avery: A bill to prohibit public drunkenness on the highway and lands of another. Bills passed third reading.—To allow Dunn in Harnett county to establish a dispensary by vote of the people. Other matters before the House were largely local.

Tuesday, Feb. 5th—24th Day. SENATE—A bill by Mr. Burleson to protect the lives of persons traveling on railroads in North Carolina. A bill by Mr. Brees to allow married women whose husbands are insane to dispose of their property without the knowledge of their husbands.

The bill relating to delays by railroads in shipments and penalties therefor was considered at length and referred to the committee.

HOUSE—Mr. Dowd's bill to provide instruction in public schools as to the nature and effect of alcoholic drinks and narcotics came up as a special order. After some discussion the bill passed its third reading and was sent to the calendar.

Wednesday, Feb. 6th—25th Day. SENATE—The bill passed final reading allowing Pitt county to issue bonds for building bridges, etc. Also bill passed to establish Public Works for the town of Tarboro.

The bill for placing Solicitors on a salary was voted on and finally passed by a vote of 25 to 19.

HOUSE—Nothing of importance was done in the House.

Thursday, Feb. 7th—26th Day. SENATE—Bill passed final reading to incorporate the town of Runnymede in Edgecombe county.

There was quite a lengthy discussion concerning the separation of the A. & M. College and the State Agricultural Department. It finally went over for future consideration.

HOUSE—Neal: A bill to make the stealing of dogs larceny. The bill providing for a codification of the Supreme Court rulings in mental anguish cases for non-delivery of telegraph messages came up on an unfavorable report accompanied by a majority report. After considerable discussion the minority report prevailed by vote of 68 to 30.

Friday, Feb. 8th—27th Day. SENATE—Bill to establish a graded school at Roanoke Rapids passed final reading.

The bill for public decency was passed, making it unlawful for any person to write, cut or carve any indecent or obscene words or figures upon any tree in or near public places.

The bill passed second reading establishing the county of Lee.

Mr. Buxton's pure food bill passed its final reading.

A bill was passed appointing R. H. Smith a justice of the peace for Halifax county and allow him to practice law.

HOUSE—A bill for equalizing jury challenges was considered at length but was finally defeated.

Speaker Justice introduced a bill to prevent unfair discrimination in freight rates.

Saturday, Feb. 9th—28th Day. SENATE—The bill to put McDowell county under prohibition passed its second reading and took its place on the calendar.

The bill creating the county of Lee from parts of Chatham and other counties passed its third reading.

A bill passed its final reading establishing a Recorder's Court in Wilmington.

HOUSE—Mr. Dowd: A bill to limit admission of white deaf children to citizens of North Carolina. Also a bill to enforce the law against the sale of cigarettes to minors.

Monday, Feb. 11th—28th Day. SENATE—The substitute bill fixing salaries for State officers was reported affirmatively. It fixes salaries as follows: State Treasurer, \$4,000; Secretary of State, \$4,000; Attorney General, \$3,500; State Auditor, \$3,000; Insurance Commissioner, \$3,500; Superintendent of Public Instruction, \$3,500; Chairman of Corporation, \$3,000; and other members of the Commission, \$3,000; Commissioner of Agriculture, \$3,000.

Mr. Howard of Edgecombe, introduced a bill allowing the town of Tarboro to issue bonds for street improvement after submitting it to a vote of the people.

HOUSE—Bills passed final reading:

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Sale of

Valuable Real Estate.

North Carolina Superior Court Halifax County Before the Clerk in the matter of E. M. Land, Annie M. Land, Lucy L. Perry by her General Guardian, Albion Dunn, and E. A. Perry, Husband of Lucy L. Perry. Ex Parte

By virtue of power vested in me by that decree of the Superior Court of Halifax County made and entered on the 2nd day of January, 1907, in that Ex Parte petition entitled as above, which said decree was duly examined, considered and approved by His Honor, Judge C. C. Lyon, Judge holding Courts of 2nd Judicial District, on the 7th day of January, 1907, I shall sell for cash, at Public Auction in the town of Scotland Neck to the highest bidder on the 23rd day of February, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, the following described tract of real estate, lying, being and situate in the county of Halifax and State of North Carolina, to wit:

Adjoining the lands of Miss Fannie Pope and others, and bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stake on the road, thence N. 6 W 8 poles to a pine, thence W 20 poles, thence N 1 W 197 poles, thence S 70 E 80 poles, thence N 120 poles to a pine, thence S 87 W 232 poles; thence S 5 W 400 poles to the road, thence along said road to the beginning, and containing 400 acres, more or less. (Less 20 acres belonging to other parties) it being the same tract of land that was conveyed to V. W. Land by J. L. Shaw and others by deed of record in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County in Book 92 on page 246, to which reference is made. This January 9th, 1907.

ALBION DUNN, Commissioner.

1-24-4

NOTICE.

Call for Mass Meeting at Court House.

Whereas, The Board of Commissioners have been advised that complaints have been made against the Road Law of the county as it now exists, and being desirous of having a full expression of Democratic voters and tax payers of Halifax county upon said law, it is therefore ordered by the Board that the Clerk of this Board publish a notice in all of the county papers, requesting all Democratic voters and tax payers to meet in Halifax on Friday the 15th day of February, 1907, for the purpose of discussing said road law and to ask the Legislature either to appeal or amend the same in accordance with the wishes of a majority of said mass meeting or let the law stand as it is.

T. W. FENNER, Clerk Board Co. Com. Halifax, N. C., Feb. 4, 1907.

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