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Wonder why the Raleigh Evening Times makes such a sling at rich people? We take no personal offense at what it says, but if we were a Rockefeller, or some one else we might name, we would feel otherwise. Here is what our city friend says: "Several recent notorious cases in the courts cause us to reflect upon what Dean Swift said, that God shows his contempt for riches by bestowing them upon the meanest of his creatures."

**PROPER TAX VALUE.**

THE COMMONWEALTH has all the while contended for the proper tax valuation of property. If property has not been listed at its true and proper value the rate of taxation has been too high.

A certain amount of money has to be raised in each county to meet expenses. So a low value of property makes a high rate of taxation. This works a disadvantage to any county. Suppose some one wishes to invest money in a county in which the value of property is low and the tax rate is high. He can see by a little investigation that the rate is high, but he has no way of knowing that the property is valued low. It would be much better to place the true and full value on the property, which would lower the rate of taxation. The prospective investor would not be frightened away by high rate of taxes.

We clip the following from the Charlotte Observer:

"The Statesville Landmark declares with conviction that it is infinitely better to have property assessed the law requires it but as a matter of policy—and have a low tax rate, than to have a low valuation of property and a high tax rate." The Landmark holds that an actual-value assessment would make a difference only to the large tax-payer, who, as it truly says, does not bear his proportion of the burden under the system now generally prevailing and would consequently have no just cause for complaint.

"We do not believe that these propositions regarding the assessment of property can be successfully controverted."

**HIGH ENDORSEMENT.**

The men who compose the National Editorial Association are men of good thought and fine observation. At their meeting in Norfolk last week they adopted resolutions of high endorsement for the Jamestown Exposition. All Americans should feel kindly towards this great enterprise, and the readers of THE COMMONWEALTH will appreciate the resolutions passed by the National Editorial Association. As taken from the Norfolk Landmark they were as follows:

"That our thanks are tendered to the officials of the Jamestown Tercentennial Exposition for the occasion of our presence and assembly here; a pleasure and an experience that will ever be roscate and rich in our memories as the years pass by. That we profoundly thank them for their tender and great of all possible courtesies and generous and unstinted hospitalities which have been so heartily appreciated and enjoyed and in this expression of our sentiments, we wish to bear testimony to the grand and exceptional array of attractions which will distinguish this splendid enterprise from the great expositions of the past; its central location amidst the scene of great historical interest, its peculiar and intense educational feature arising from and stimulated by its environment reviving the highest order of patriotic emulation and pride; the stupendous and unprecedented display and concentration of the steel clad navies of the world, an event unique and unparalleled and without probability in history of duplication for decades to come; the assembly and array of the soldiery of our land embracing all arms of the service and its exposition of the industries, manufactures, commerce and the acts forming a potentiality of attractions that should bring every earnest, true and loyal American to its threshold."

**PRESIDENT VARNER.**

Mr. H. B. Varner, editor of the Lexington Dispatch, was last week elected president of the National Editorial Association, which held session in Norfolk. Mr. Varner's friends and the public generally, appreciate this honor so worthily bestowed. Mr. Varner has been one of the vice-presidents of the National Editorial Association for some years, has been twice president of the North Carolina Press Association, and is Commissioner of Printing and Labor Statistics for North Carolina. He has filled all these positions with efficiency, and he has won his latest honors through merit and ability. He publishes one of the best weekly papers in the State, is abreast of the times in his work and THE COMMONWEALTH joins his host of friends in congratulating him on the honors he has won for himself and the honor he has conferred upon North Carolina.

**LABOR INTENSELY DIGNIFIED.**

The following story from last Saturday's Norfolk Landmark is worthy a place in the columns of any paper in America, and we print it with pride:

Jacob Riis, the author and sociologist, of New York, who delivered an address before the National Editorial Association, which held its twenty-second annual convention at the Exposition, was driving through the grounds on the afternoon of June 9, when he was surprised to see a number of prominent looking men at work on the streets, cleaning up, gravelling and loading debris upon carts.

"He stopped the carriage and inquired who the men were and why they were at work Sunday. He was told that they represented the best citizens of Norfolk and Portsmouth, who unwilling that President Roosevelt should find the grounds in an unfinished condition when he arrived to take part in the Georgia Day ceremonies the next day, had volunteered to assist the management in cleaning up the streets and buildings.

"In an instant Mr. Riis was out of the carriage. Off came his coat, and, seizing a shovel he fell to with the lasted did as much as anyone on the grounds.

"That's the kind of public spirit I like to see," he added, when he rested at last. "That's the kind of work that counts. I am told," he continued, to a gentleman in his party, "that that man there (pointing out a distinguished looking gentleman leaning on his pick) is the president of one of the largest banks in Tidewater Virginia."

"There is one of the most influential business men in Norfolk. Here Mr. Riis pointed out another gentleman. Designating a third, he said:

"And that man is one of the largest real estate owners in Portsmouth. They are patriots in the truest sense of the word, and I feel honored that I was given the opportunity to work with them.

"If for nothing else, the Exposition deserves to be a great success, and I do not doubt that it will be a success, with such public spirited citizens, who are ready and willing to work like this the undertaking could not be a failure."

For several days preceding Georgia Day, these men worked on the Exposition grounds, and that their work counted for something goes without saying. Practically every road, street and avenue was cleaned, and the grounds put in tip top condition.

This emergency brigade consisted of nearly two thousand men—bankers, lawyers, physicians, business men and others. They had not been called upon, but had themselves requested to be allowed to do the work.

The emergency committee, which had organized the brigade, simply announced itself through its chairman, John R. Walker, secretary of the North Carolina Pine Association, that the Exposition Company could not find laborers to do the work and that men were needed on the Exposition grounds. The announcement had hardly been made before hundreds of applications began pouring in.

Those who could not themselves work, sent money with which to send men in their places. Those who went to the grounds, went to work. There was no shirking or idleness. Picks and shovels were provided, and that real work was done, the grounds loudly proclaimed, for the present conditions of the walks and streets at the Exposition is due considerably to the gravelling and repairing done by this emergency brigade.

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**News Afloat.**

Wilmington now claims a population of 35,000 people.

Prof. J. A. Matheson has been elected to the chair of Pedagogy in the State Normal at Greensboro.

The North Carolina Retail Merchants' Association are holding their annual session in Greensboro this week.

Eugene E. Schmitz, mayor of San Francisco Cal. is now in jail in that city, convicted of extortion and bribery.

John W. McAdams, a prominent farmer, of Orange county dropped dead on the streets of Haw River last week.

The Warrenton Furniture Factory has made an assignment of its assets to Mr. Tasker Polk for the benefit of its creditors.

Franc H. Jones, the defaulting cashier of a Charlotte bank was given a term of six years in the Federal prison.

James M. Barr, former president of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, has been selected as the executive head of the Jamestown Exposition to succeed Harry St. George Tucker resigned.

Arthur C. Bengue was arrested in Wilkes county last week on a charge of perjury. He had taken the necessary oath and had secured license for Charlie Campbell, a mulatto, to marry a white woman.

Saturday night at the construction camp of the Norfolk & Southern Railroad, twelve miles from Wilson, Marion Bullock, white, killed two negroes and fatally wounded another. The negroes were gambling when a dispute arose. Bullock pulled his pistol and fired, with the above result.

As the result of an investigation before the coroner of Wake County Dr. David S. Rowland and his wife, Lillian M. Rowland were committed to jail without bail on a charge of having murdered engineer C. R. Strange, Mrs. Rowland's husband up to the day of his death on April 6th, last.

The ill-fated launch of the Battleship Minnesota has been raised from the bottom of Hampton Roads. Great disappointment was felt when only one body, that of Fireman Westfall, was found in it. Ten bodies of the 11 men drowned are still being searched for night and day. The launch was crushed in and otherwise showed signs of a collision.

Carl Kiser, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kiser, of Charlotte, died as the result of a drug clerk's error in compounding a prescription. The clerk filled the prescription from a bottle containing carbolic acid, thinking its contents was castor oil. The clerk who filled the prescription is prostrated with grief over his fearful blunder.

In Cleveland county last week the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Turney shot and killed his baby sister. The parents were away from home when the boy managed to get hold of a gun from a rack over the door and in playing with the weapon it was discharged, the entire load entering the baby's side and nearly severing its arm from the body. The child died in ten minutes after the accident.

The annual convention of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association, which has been in session at Lake Toxaway, adjourned to meet next year at Morehead City. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Chas. R. Thomas, of Thomasville; First Vice-President, George Y. Watson, of Southport; Third Vice-President, W. H. Justus, of Hendersonville; Secretary, P. W. Vaughan, of Durham; Treasurer, G. K. Grantham, of Dunn.

A special from Tarboro to Raleigh News and Observer says: The Masonic fraternity of this city has awarded a contract for the erection of a temple, which will cost \$18,000 exclusive of plumbing and heating. The exterior will be pressed brick, stone and terra cotta, and in appearance will equal any building in town. The ground floor will be for a store, and will be almost half belted with plate glass. The building will have a frontage on Main street of thirty feet and a depth on West Pitt street of 100 feet. The building will be completed by January 1, 1908.

**How's This?**

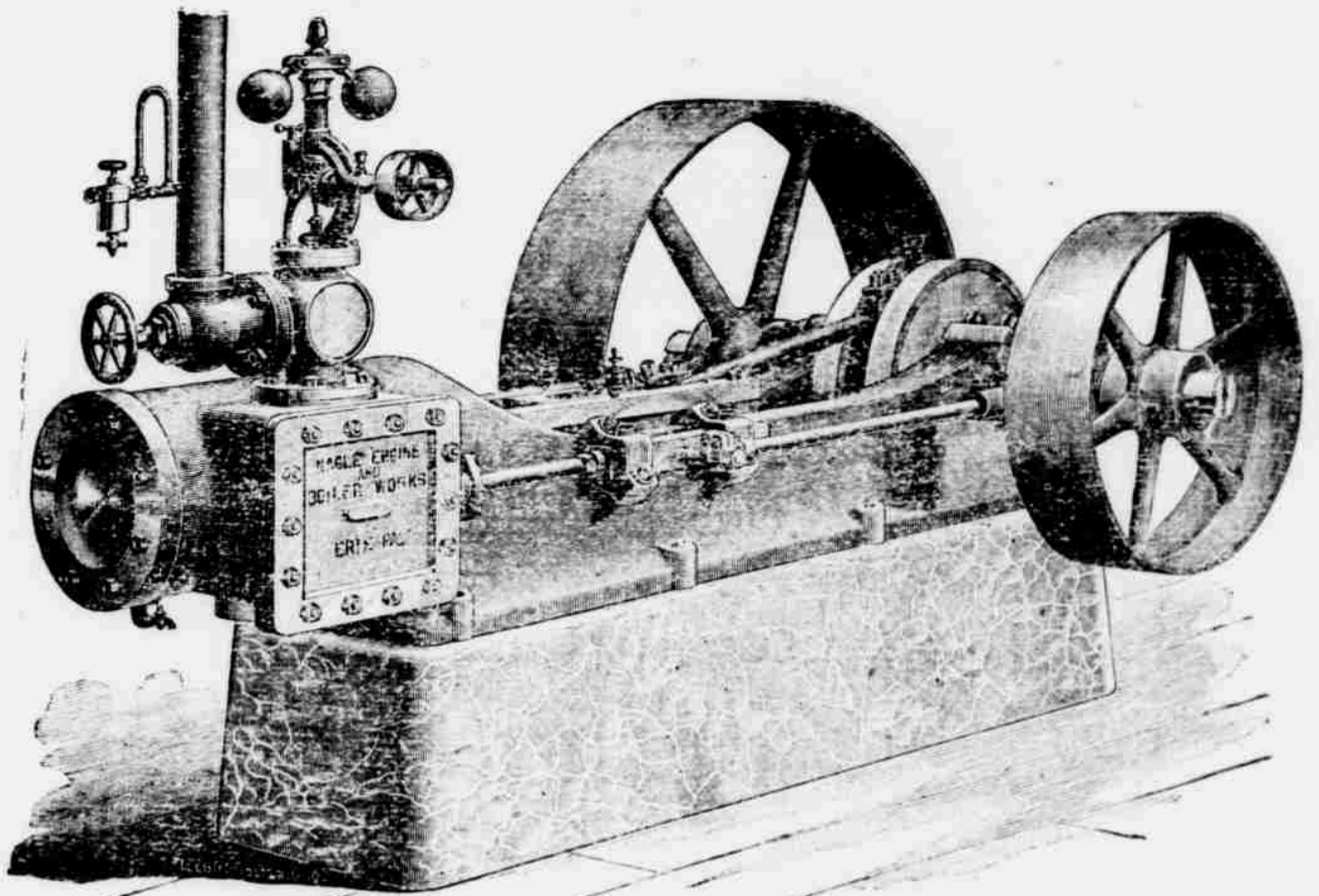
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CLAUDIA KEEL, Executrix.  
A. PAUL KITCHIN, Attorney.  
6-6-07

**Executors Notice to creditors**

Having this day qualified as Executor of the last will and testament of Bettie V. Johnston, deceased, late of Halifax County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned, duly proven, on or before the 18th day of May 1908, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 18th day of May 1907.  
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