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**GOVERNOR GLENN TO THE JUDGES.**

The railroad passenger rate contest is exciting more interest in North Carolina than any other public question. Governor Glenn has addressed a letter to each Superior Court Judge in the State, instructing them to charge grand juries to present all railroad employes and railroad authorities who charge or demand more than 2 1/4 cents per mile for passenger fare on roads more than sixty miles long. The law passed by the last Legislature makes such act a misdemeanor, and the law is being violated by the Coast Line and Southern railroads. Governor Glenn in his letter to the Judges declares that it is his duty as Governor of the State to see that all criminal laws are enforced. Judge Pritchard's injunctions as Judge of the United States District Court are to be ignored by the Superior Court Judges, and this looks like a clash between the courts.

The people of the State will applaud Governor Glenn's action in the matter, not with prejudice against the railroads, but in their appreciation of his endeavors to have the laws enforced.

Most of the people of the State, whatever their opinions about the railroad rates, believe that Judge Pritchard has made a mistake.

**SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.**

The board of aldermen for the city of Raleigh recently repealed the ordinance against selling soft drinks on Sunday. The ordinance was repealed on the ground that there was complaint that drug stores were allowed to sell soft drinks on Sunday while others were not.

The News and Observer truthfully said that the board of alderman took a step backward in repealing the ordinance. The board should have forbidden drug stores from selling the soft drinks on Sunday instead of opening the privilege to all.

Charlotte will soon decide a similar question, and the Charlotte News is fighting against the desecration of the Sabbath, making it a question whether the Sabbath shall be regarded as a holy day or a holiday.

We believe, like the News and Observer and the Charlotte News, at town and city ordinances should not permit any traffic that is not a necessity to be carried on through the Sabbath; and in the matter of soft drinks we believe that the same ordinance should apply to drug stores that applies to other places.

**PROGRESSIVE GREENVILLE.**

Greenville is nothing if not progressive. Perhaps no town in the State is showing a more progressive spirit, and no people are more co-operative than the people of Greenville. It is pleasant to note the progress that the town is showing. The Reflector speaks hopefully, yea confidently, of things there as follows:

"Greenville is now launching on the flood tide of development, and if our people continue to be conservative and take advantage of the opportunities for progress as they present themselves, the growth of the town is going to be wonderful. Such a spirit of co-operation between the town and county as has existed the past year counts for much. Pitt county has a noble people, and the industry they are taking in educational advancement and material progress will rank her in the lead. The county feels a pride in her capital town, and the town feels a pride in the county. We are all one and the same people, and with a united spirit and concerted effort nothing can hold us back."

When the baby is teething it is cross and restless; it becomes feverish, and in many cases vomits a great deal and oftentimes cannot even keep cool water on the stomach. All the delicate little organs of the stomach are affected, bringing on colic and diarrhoea. Cascasweet for babies and children makes the stomach right and allays inflammation and prevents irritation. Cascasweet makes the baby happy and well. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

**HALIFAX COUNTY ROAD LAW.**

**Passed by the Last General Assembly.**

An act to amend chapter one hundred and eighty six, public law of one thousand nine hundred and three, entitled "An act to provide for working the public roads and highways of Halifax county."

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That section two of said act be and the same is hereby expressly repealed and the following inserted in lieu thereof: That there shall hereafter be elected by the board of township supervisors hereinafter provided for at their regular meeting in June, one thousand nine hundred and seven, and at their regular meeting in June of each and every year thereafter, one or more superintendents of roads in each of the respective townships in the county, which said superintendent, or superintendents, shall be paid such compensation as may be fixed by the said board of township road supervisors, and to be paid out of the township road fund, and who after June, one thousand nine hundred and seven, shall hold office for one year, or until his successor has been elected and qualified, as provided for in this act: Provided, further, that the said superintendent or superintendents of roads may at any time be removed by the board of township road supervisors, after having been given ten days' notice and a hearing, when, in the opinion of the board, there exist good and sufficient causes for such action, and for malfeasance and misconduct in office he may be removed by them without further notice than may be necessary in order to give him a hearing.

Section 2. That section three of said act be, and the same is hereby, expressly repealed and the following inserted in lieu thereof: That it shall be the duty of the said superintendent or superintendents of roads, with the advice of an under the supervision and direction of, the board of township road supervisors, and subject to the approval of said board, to supervise, direct, and have charge of the maintenance of and building of all public roads in his township, and he shall give a good and lawful bond satisfactory to the said board of township road supervisors, for two hundred dollars as a guarantee of the faithful and honest discharge of the duties of his office, which bond shall be registered in the office of the register of deeds and filed with the clerk of the superior court and it shall be the duty of such superintendent of roads to submit to said board of township road supervisors a quarterly report, or as often as said board shall desire a report, concerning the work in progress and moneys expended, and he shall submit a quarterly report on the condition of the public roads and bridges, and plans for their improvement, and he shall include in this report an inventory of the tools, implements, and other equipments on hand.

Section 3. That the eighth section of said act be amended by striking out all after the word "out" in line eight of said section, and adding in lieu thereof the following: "under the direction, and supervision and with the approval of the said board of township road supervisors."

Section 4. That the ninth section of said act be amended by striking out the word "annually" in line four of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "quarterly"; and by adding after the word "quarterly" at the end of said section the following: "The said board of township road supervisors shall have charge of the maintenance and building of all public roads in their respective townships, and shall have full and complete control and supervision of all work done thereon."

Section 5. That section twelve of said act be amended by striking out the words "county commissioners" in line twenty-six of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "board of township road supervisors," and by striking out the word "commissioners," in line twenty-eight of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the word "supervisors."

Section 6. That section fifteen of said act be amended by striking out all of said section after the word "hereunder" in line eight of said section and inserting in lieu thereof at the end of said section the following: "That all accounts against the road fund of the several townships shall be itemized, and verified, according to law, by the superintendent of roads and passed upon and approved by the board of township road supervisors, and filed by the secretary of said board, and when so approved the chairman of said board shall issue and sign his warrant upon the treasurer for the payment thereof, said warrant to be countersigned by the secretary of said board, and the treasurer of the county shall pay said warrant when presented and

charge the same to the proper township road fund.

Section 7. That section twenty-one of said act be amended by striking out the words "said county", in line twenty of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the words "the state of North Carolina"; and by striking out the words "to be used in building bridges, culverts, or free highways and public roads" in lines twenty-one and twenty-two of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the words "to do either public or private work."

Section 8. That section twenty-three of said act be amended by striking out the words "county surveyor" in lines two and three thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the words "board of township road supervisors."

Section 9. That section twenty-six, as provided for by chapter seven hundred and thirty-six of the laws of one thousand nine hundred and five, be and same is hereby expressly repealed.

Section 10. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby expressly repealed.

Section 11. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 2nd day of March, A. D., 1907.

FRANCIS D. WINSTON,  
President of the Senate.  
E. J. JUSTICE,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
Examined and found correct.  
Cox, for Committee.

The University College of Medicine, of Richmond, Virginia, is reflecting credit on Virginia and the South by maintaining standards as high as Northern Colleges, and refusing to avail itself of privileges because of "the backwardness of the South."

On the 18th of April we printed in full the Halifax county road law passed by the last General Assembly. We secured a copy of the law from Secretary of State at some expense, but we were glad to give it to our Halifax county readers as a matter of special interest to all the people of the county. By request of a number of subscribers we are printing it again in this issue.

There is good improvement in the postal laws. Since July 1st it has not been necessary to place an extra ten cent stamp on a letter for special delivery, it being only necessary to write on the letter "Special Delivery." This is followed by the privilege of pasting printed matter on a postal card, and also the privilege of writing on the side which bears the address. The writing must be confined to the left hand third of the card.

**Tom Dixon's New Book.**

The publishers have announced that "The Traitor," Mr. Thomas Dixon's new novel, will be out the 25th of this month. Considerable interest centers about it, for it will tell of the breaking up of the Ku-Klux-Klan and the birth of the new South. It is the third of the trilogy of stories dealing with the South after the war.

"The Traitor," writes Mr. Dixon in his preface, "is the third volume of 'The Leopard Spots'—'Clansman' series of Southern novels."

"The Clansman" ended with the political triumph of the 'Ku-Klux-Klan,' or 'Invisible Empire.' 'The Traitor' opens with the order of dissolution by General Forrest, the commander-in-chief, after the elections of 1869 and treats of the periods of the Klan's degeneracy into the fierce neighborhood feuds which disgraced the piedmont section of the South.

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FRANK J. CHENEY,  
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Having qualified as executors of the last will and testament of Rebecca F. Purrington, deceased, late of Halifax county, N. C., we hereby notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them for payment to us or to our attorneys, Kitchin & Smith, on or before July 12th, 1908, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.  
July 11th, 1907.  
A. L. PURRINGTON,  
W. R. BOND,  
Executors.  
Per Kitchin & Smith.

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**Notice.**  
Having qualified as administrator of Elizabeth Goodrich, deceased, late of Halifax County, N. C., we hereby notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of July, 1908, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. The 3rd day of July, 1907.  
JULIUS SHARP, Administrator.  
A. PAUL KITCHIN, Attorney.  
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