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Publisher's Announcement.

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STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

The streets and sidewalks in our town are in a better condition than they have been before in many years. For the past several weeks the management has had its force of laborers continuously at work on them, with the result that they are now in splendid condition, and the looks of the town are much improved. The management is to be congratulated, and the town has cause to be proud of the officer who has this work in charge.

JUSTLY INDIGNANT.

Some time ago the United Lighters of the Confederacy offered a prize of one hundred dollars to the woman who should write the best essay on General Robert E. Lee. The committee appointed to select the essay, and name the award, was composed of Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, of the University of North Carolina; Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia; and Prof. Finley, of the Columbia University. The organization stipulated that the essay should be a historical one, and should be judged for its truthfulness to history rather than for its literary merits.

The committee awarded the prize to a Miss Boyeson, of Minnesota, a student at Columbia University. The following are a few of the many statements of like nature that Miss Boyeson's essay contained: "He (General Lee) was a traitor in that he sacrificed all to aid the enemies of his country. But things which are technically of the highest criminality may at times be of the least disgrace. You do what he did then, now would be treason, for Civil War has since then taught what is right in this regard."

She said further: "He (General Lee) differed from the greater Washington only in choosing the wrong side," and "the slave system with which he thus took sides was vastly different from the general institution of the South."

In regard to education in the South before the war Miss Boyeson said: "Intellectually the South was practically dead. Most of the people were densely ignorant, hence the great religious and educational movements which in the North had built a church and a school house at every cross roads had swept by them unheeded."

She further stated that General Lee was better known and more universally loved for his life after the war than for his reputation as a general during the war.

The resentment and indignation that has been aroused among the people of the South by the committee's action is fully justifiable, and the expressions of disapproval that have come from many of the unbiased Northern people are entirely warrantable. There is no criticism to be made of Miss Boyeson herself. It is enough to say that had she studied differently and aright, her essay would have been different, and the committee's award more just. She has studied the perverted histories of Northern authors, and cannot be expected to know very much of the South's true history.

The committee's action must be looked at in an altogether different light, however. Composed of but three, two of its members were Southerners; notwithstanding this, however, with the duty of judging the essay from the standpoint of

history rather than literature, it gave the award to that person whose essay was conspicuous for its historical blunders. Is it a fact that before the Civil War the South was "intellectually dead?" Is it true that General Lee was better known and more universally loved for his life after the war than for his reputation as a general during the war? It is needless to answer these questions for a people reared in this Southland of ours. Every heart among us is loyal to the South's traditions and beats with love and veneration for Lee—the guileless man, the courageous soldier, the beloved general and Christian gentleman. His deeds will live forever, and continue to brighten the pages of history in increasing splendor.

As to the committee, at least two of its members either gave their places to some one else, or paid much less attention to the matter than they should have. Resolutions will be adopted by the different chapters censuring the committee's action, and asking, it is understood, that the committee give its reasons for the award it made. Nothing could be more in order.

Some Bread Stories.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth.
 Halifax, N. C., Feb. 2, '09.

Mr. W. H. Melvin, who lives near Heathsville, was married to Mrs. George Crawley, near Panacea Springs, on January 20th. Mr. Melvin was the possessor of eight children, while Mrs. Crawley was the mother of nine; this makes the grand total of nineteen in one family. At this rate, allowing four biscuits for each member of the family, what would be the size of the pan required to bake them in?

Two darkies from up near Aurelian Springs, were in the store the other day, and each one purchased a loaf of bread, and decided to see who could place it away first. Well, they sat down by the stove and went at it, each man biting off a good sized piece each time. Looking at each other and paying the loaf strict attention, they were racing fairly well, when, lo, one was smitten with the hiccoughs which interfered with a fair finish. Then Joe said to Tom, "Tom, I didn't know you was going to do lak dat."

This reminds me of a little darkey boy several years ago who said he would eat a half pound of soda crackers in five minutes without drinking water. They started him at it, and he was getting down to business, when all at once, without warning, he commenced to splutter and spit cracker crumbs all over the store, his two eyes being much similar to noons. In his strenuous efforts to get rid of crackers some went down his wind-pipe, thus causing trouble.

I have in mind another eating match: a man offered to eat four pounds of sausage and drink the grease if some one would pay for it. Well, the sausage was brought in and he made good, and said he would eat four pounds more if they would stand the price, but about that time the Dr. came by and said if they gave him any more it would certainly kill him, so he left off.

Rev. Jno. N. Cole, of Raleigh, Supt. of the Methodist Orphanage, preached here Sunday, a very fine sermon, eloquent with appeals for the poor and needy. Rev. Mr. Cole is doing fine work, though limited in space and money—but the Methodist churches in the Conference are rallying to the support of the institution, and ere long it will be a credit to our church.

Master Edward Travis, who had such a sad accident on New Year's day, we are glad to say is fast getting well.

Hon. E. L. Travis and Master Louis went up to Raleigh Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. D. E. Vipperman and little Ruth, spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday in and around Tillery.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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SENATE.

Friday, January 23rd—The Senate concurred in the House amendment to the bill increasing the salary of the Commissioner of Labor and Printing, and that official is now receiving an annual compensation of \$2,000, his former salary being \$1,500.

By a vote of 18 to 14, the Senate tabled the bill by Mr. Kuttz to prohibit the sending of documents with the "compliments" of officers of State.

The Empe bird bill was made a special order for next Wednesday; the Latham drainage bill will be considered next Thursday.

Mr. Peete presented in the Senate an amendment to the State Constitution, abolishing the office of Solicitor and creating the office of County Attorney.

HOUSE.

A great many bills were introduced, most of these being of a local nature.

The most important public bills introduced were those by Mr. Turlington, of Iredell, providing a general system of recorders' courts, and by Mr. Connor, of Wilson, to prevent compulsory insurance of employees of corporations.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Underwood to amend the Constitution in respect to the qualification of voters.

With the passage of quite a number of bills, the private bill calendar was practically disposed of.

SENATE.

Saturday, January 30th—A bill was introduced by Senator Manning to require fire and casualty insurance companies to deposit a certain amount in cash on securities with the Insurance Commissioner in the State of North Carolina.

A Senate bill to authorize the Governor to appoint a commission to confer with similar commissions in other states looking to securing uniformity of legislation in divorce and other laws entirely within the jurisdiction of the States, was laid on the table.

The House Committee had amended the bill by striking out the section carrying a provision that the expenses of the members of the Commission should be paid by the State.

On this account the bill was laid on the table without objection.

HOUSE.

Among the matters of general importance was the passage of the bill by Mr. Currie, of Cumberland, regulating the sale of concentrated commercial feeding stuffs. This follows the general law regulating the sale of fertilizers, requiring a true analysis of the ingredients of the proposed feeds for animals, with the true weight plainly stamped on each package, the supervision of all being under the Agricultural Department.

SENATE.

Monday, February 1st—A bill was introduced to increase the punishment for pistol-toters. The act would cover the carrying of any of the weapons as are enumerated in the Revised, 3708. The punishment prescribed in the bill is sixty days imprisonment in the county jail, and a fine of fifty dollars, taking the penalty for a violation of this section out of the discretion of the court.

The weapons under the North Carolina statute are pistols, bowie-knives, dirks, daggers, sling shots, loaded canes, brass, iron or metallic knucklers, or razors, "or other deadly weapons of like kind."

Mr. Fry, of Swain, introduced in the Senate a bill to render secure from damage, and notably secure from damage by fires, such woodlands in North Carolina as are situated above the contour line of 2,000 feet, and as may be declared to be State Forests of North Carolina. The bill provides for the appointment of State Forest Wardens by the Governor upon the endorsment of the owners of the lands to be protected and with the approval of the commissioners of the county, in which a State forest may be situated. A State forest may be created under this act upon the application of the owners of such lands.

HOUSE.

Session was distinguished for its absence of debate, and presence of routine business. While but few bills were enacted into laws, the necessary passage, on rolls, of bills on their second reading, involving taxation, etc., kept the House busy for two hours. These numerous roll call bills will come up for passage on their final reading tomorrow.

A bill was introduced to amend Most cough cures are constipating, because they contain opiates, and you should be careful to take something that does not tend to constipate. You should take Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup. It not only allays inflammation and irritation of throat and lungs, but it drives out the cold from the system by a free, yet gentle, action of the bowels. Children like the pleasant taste that is so nearly like maple sugar. Sold by E. T. Whitehead Co.

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the law of 1907 relative to expenses of the Governor incurred in the discharge of the public duties of his office.

A resolution inviting Dr. McCornick, of the American Medical Society, to address the General Assembly Thursday night, February 4th, on infectious diseases, and Dr. Wurtenhacher, of the United States Department of Health, to address the General Assembly at the same time on Tuberculosis, was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bowie, of Ashe, the bill which was laid on the table Saturday providing that the Governor should appoint a commission to confer with like commissions from other States, relative to securing uniformity of legislative acts of the various States, was taken from the table, and placed upon the Calendar for action Tuesday.

Card Party.

(Reported to The Commonwealth.)
 The most delightful social affair of the season was the card party given by Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Johnson, at their elegant country home, last Thursday evening.

The home dainty and attractive within itself was prettily decorated with quantities of sweet flowers.

Chocolate was served to the guests in the dining-room by Mesdames Shaw, Albertson, and J. S. Bowers.

Pretty score-cards were handed around and then eight merry games of whist were played.

The feature of the evening was the skillful playing of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith who sat at the head table throughout the entire evening winning the prizes. The ladies prize was a handsome Mayonnaise dish, the gentlemen's a pearl knife.

The booby was greatly in demand—cutting for it were Misses Kate Whitaker and Margaret Bowers, Messrs. Mannie Hoffman, J. E. Bowers, Dr. H. I. Clark, J. E. Bowers being the winner of the cigar.

An elegant luncheon was served, consisting of chicken salad, barbecue, pickles, beaten biscuit, coffee and cream.

Score was kept by little Misses Bertha Albertson and Annie Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are host and hostess of the old school, extending a gracious hospitality towards each and every guest.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. G. S. White, W. E. Smith, C. H. Herring, J. E. Bowers, Dr. and Mrs. H. I. Clark, Misses Kate Whitaker, Anna Clark, Mary and Eleanor Smith, Margaret Bowers, Maud, Pattie and Lena Leggett, Lizzie Hyman, Messrs. Jim, Frank, and Chas. Smith, Joe Cotten, J. A. Pittman, Charles Hill, E. H. Leggett, Stuart Smith, Isaac Neal, Dr. Ed. Shields, Sam and Mannie Hoffman, C. W. Albertson.

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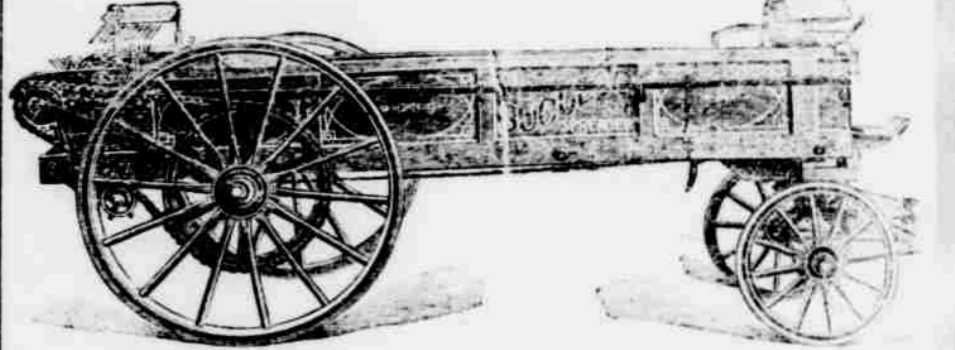
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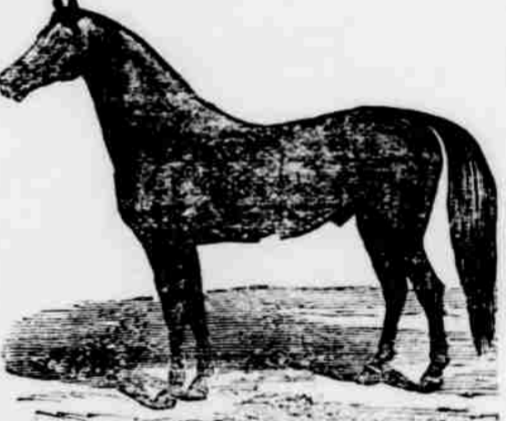
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