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Publisher's Announcement.

This is a special notice to our subscribers...

PANAMA CANAL AND THE MERCHANT MARINE.

Why the United States should spend \$500,000,000 to dig a canal across the Isthmus of Panama...

Everything that is being done on the Isthmus is thoroughly American...

What needs to be done is the enactment of such laws as will tend to build up strengthen and develop our merchant marine.

Halifax Man Doing Well in Georgia.

Mr. H. C. Draper, formerly a resident of Halifax county, is now one of the most prosperous and successful business men of Bainbridge, Ga.

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SCOTLAND NECK NEEDS AN OPERA HOUSE.

No one who attended the Lecture Monday night, and certainly no one who failed in the attempt to attend, came away without realizing Scotland Neck's dire need of an opera house. On the streets all day Tuesday many expressions were heard to this effect. One man said, "Scotland Neck should certainly have something to put its people in, when there is anything to go to, if it is nothing but a tent."

The time is now ripe, if it ever was, or ever will be, for the people of Scotland Neck, or the town of Scotland Neck, or some of Scotland Neck's enterprising citizens to bestir themselves, and satisfy this need, a greater one than which can be found nowhere. Doubtless some will make little of the idea of Scotland Neck's having an opera house, and say that the people have heard "Opera House, Opera House" until many are tired of "Opera House," and still there is no sign of one.

Others go further and say that even if Scotland Neck should have an opera house, the people would care so little as to whether it was a failure or success, and would take so little interest in the entertainments, plays, etc., that would come here, as to cause it to be a complete failure, and equally as bad—to keep the high classed companies from coming here.

As to this, if future crowds can be judged in any way by the crowd that assembled in the Graded School Auditorium Monday night, the complaint is groundless, and the opera house would be a success. It is true that it cost nothing to attend the lecture Monday night, and equally true, that some were there who wouldn't have been, had they been required to pay, yet the great body of the people of our town, aside from the interest they will naturally take in the high-toned plays, entertainments, lectures and the like that come here, will so desire the success of all that tends to benefit and up-build Scotland Neck, that they will lend their presence to everything that comes here, and will do all in their power to make the opera house a success.

Aside from all this, however, as has been said, the town needs an opera house, and it's a need the people realize. This being so, the opera house in satisfying the need will be assured of its own success, for whenever anything has been needed, whether of science, of invention, or of countless other things, the satisfaction of the need has always compensated for the time and labor and money spent in supplying the need.

Where can a town be found, with the population that Scotland Neck has, that hasn't an opera house? The people of our town are not different from everybody else, and what other people like, they will take an interest in, and when people in smaller towns take such an interest in those things that assure the success of an opera house, as to assure its success, the people in our town will do so, too.

Let's get together, and talk some more if necessary, but in the end, let's go, and let not the end be too far off.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SENATE.

Friday, February 5th.—The bill to incorporate the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, which was under discussion at the time of adjournment yesterday, was taken up and the debate continued. After several amendments were voted down, it passed, twenty-eight senators voting for it.

A bill was introduced by Senator Doves to return to the State's prison enough of its earnings for 1908 sufficient for its operation in 1909. On motion of Senator Doves this bill was placed on its passage and was duly passed.

The bill to amend 3973 of Revised relative to year's support of widows was returned to the senate for concurrence in the house amendment. The amendment was accepted.

The bill to abolish the crop pest commission passed third reading. A substitute for bills introduced by senators Barham and Starbuck to equalize the distribution of peremptory challenges between the state and defendant in criminal actions, was introduced. The substitute gives 18 challenges to the defendant and 12 to the State. It passed second reading.

HOUSE.

The bill from the Senate ordering the return of \$68,670.00 to the State's Prison was taken up and by unanimous vote was passed and enrolled for ratification.

The bill providing for holding special terms of courts, allowing the presiding judges \$100 per week, to be paid by the county, passed second and third reading and will be law when ratified.

The bill to appropriate funds for the Deaf and Dumb School at Morganton, \$50,000, and for building, \$10,000, and smaller sums for improvements and the employing an eye and tooth specialist, and \$1,500 for a driveway to the railroad station; passed second reading and was sent to Committee on Appropriations.

SENATE.

Saturday, February 6th.—The Senate passed the Judiciary Committee's substitute for the Barham and Starbuck bills to equalize the number of peremptory challenges allowed the State and defendant in capital cases. The bill reduces the number of such challenges allowed the defendant from twenty-three to eighteen, and increases the number allowed the State from four to twelve. It abolishes the practice of allowing the State in capital cases to stand aside jurors to the end of the panel. The act, if it passes the House, will go into effect July 1st, 1909.

Senator Braslett's bill to provide for the better protection of employees of railway corporation and other corporations engaged in interstate business and to assure to them the benefits of the personal property exemption, was passed.

HOUSE.

A resolution was introduced in memory of Thomas N. Hayes, a member of the House, from Wilkes county. (This resolution recited the death of the Representative, and provided for adjournment in his honor at 12 o'clock and the appointment of a committee of five to attend his burial Sunday. It was unanimously adopted.)

A message was received from the Governor transmitting the report of the Board of Internal Improvements. This report was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Connor requiring local assessment companies doing business in more than one county to make a deposit for protection of members. A bill was also introduced by Dr. Gordon amending the law relating to public health.

All the bills that passed the House were of local importance only.

SENATE.

Monday, February 8th.—Senator Empe's bill to protect the forests of North Carolina from fire, providing for the appointment of forest wardens, passed the Senate. Under this act four or more owners of timber lands in any one township, or the owners of 15,000 acres of forest land in the township, can petition to the State Forester of the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey for the appointment of a forest warden for that township, the warden then to be appointed by the Governor, and deputy wardens may be appointed by the State Forester.

Senator Manning introduced a bill to direct and empower the treasurer of North Carolina to issue \$1,500,000 of bonds for the permanent enlargement of the State's educational and charitable institutions. The bill was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Peele introduced in the Senate a bill to repeal the immigration act of 1907, which carried an annual appropriation for the promotion of immigration to North Carolina.

A bill by Mr. Dockery, introduced in the Senate, prohibiting capital

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HOUSE.

Several important public bills were introduced, chief among them being those by Mr. Knoee to create a State Insurance Commission, composed of the Governor and Counsel of State, including the Attorney General, with the commissioner of insurance acting as secretary; by Mr. Knoee to prevent trusts and monopolies being the Texas law, which has recently been sustained by the United States Supreme Court.

An important bill was introduced which is designed to require merchants, manufacturers and other employers of females to furnish seats for their accommodation during periods of intermission between active work or employment.

Parker-Pillard.

(Copy to The Commonwealth.)

Aurelian Springs, N. C., Feb. 6.—Mr. R. W. Parker, of Aurelian Springs, and Miss Essie R. Pittard of Edgerton, Va., were married Feb. 4th, 1908, near Aurelian Springs, N. C., by Justice of the Peace, A. G. Green.

After spending a day with the relatives of the groom they left to spend a few days at Durham and other points. They will then be at home at Brimbleville N. C.

It was a runaway couple, but the writer wishes for them a happy and prosperous voyage through life.

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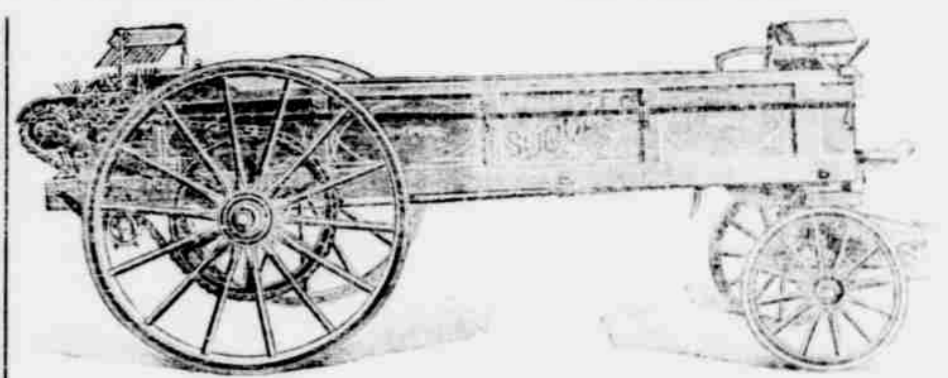
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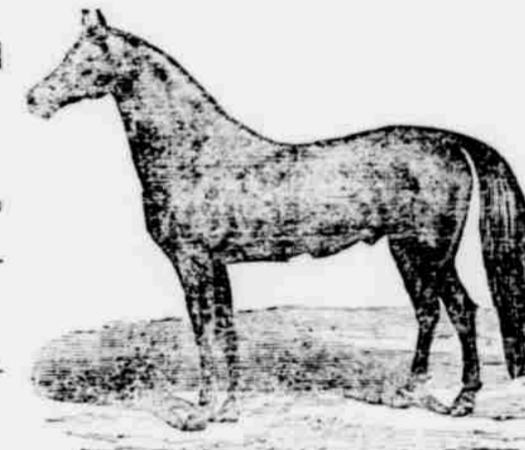
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