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The "steam roller," properly adjusted, always does its work.

The Lorimer case will come up before the Senate for a vote on July 6.

Col. Roosevelt now says that he is in favor of Woman Suffrage. What next?

The State Convention endorsed Overman for voting against Lorimer and Simmons for voting for him. This looks like going two different ways at the same time.

A Boston Professor has succeeded in fasting for thirty days and a Boston Doctor applied the other day for permission to cease wearing clothes. The cost of living must be unusually high in Boston.

There are 4,600 registered automobiles in North Carolina. Putting the average cost of these machines at \$1,000 this number of machines represents an outlay of approximately \$5,000,000. This is no indication of hard times or a scarcity of money.

Col. Wade H. Harris becomes editor of the Charlotte Observer succeeding Deacon Hemphill. We congratulate the Observer Company upon securing the services of Colonel Harris for he is one of the ablest editorial writers in the State. Here is wishing Brother Harris and the Observer much success.

We are anxious to see renewed interest in the building of a Confederate monument in Scotland Neck. As was suggested by Mr. Ashby Dunn this monument ought to be located on the campus of the graded school. Let us all get to work and erect this monument during the coming twelve months. The Commonwealth stands ready to assist in any way it can.

THE PEOPLE TO SPEAK.

In regard to the Democratic State Convention passing the resolutions endorsing Senator Simmons the Roxboro Courier sizes up the situation as follows:

"It is a strong platform that will meet with the hearty approbation of the voters of the democratic ticket as far as the platform utterances are concerned but the bringing in of the senatorial question was unwise, and by all laws of fairness and decency should have been left out. There was strong opposition to the endorsing of Senator Simmons, notwithstanding that Governor Kitchin's administration was also endorsed. This matter having been previously settled by the convention, that is to leave the matter to a primary and let the people say whether they endorse Senator Simmons' acts, it was decidedly unwise to bring the matter up in the convention. But the Hon. Cam. Morrison knew that the Simmons' men were in a majority in that convention, and he was just the kind of a politician which could not let any opportunity go by when he thought the advantage lay with his man, regardless of justice or right.

"But mark you this very act of the Simmons men will work to his hurt rather than to his good. We all know that every one, including Simmons' manager, has said this question was not to come up in the convention, and then to try to stifle public sentiment and make it appear that the democracy of North Carolina was satisfied with the votes of Senator Simmons will only make those who are 'old line democrats' standing on the platform of pure democracy all the more alert. The endorsement was a farce, pure and simple, for it endorsed both senators, when their votes have been exactly opposite.

"But the people will be heard and on November 5th, will show that they have a will of their own and will register that will by giving Governor Kitchin the biggest vote ever given any man in North Carolina."

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HON. LOCKE CRAIG, of Asheville.

Opposed to Reciprocity.

Representative Steenerson, of Minnesota, does not favor reciprocity. Neither do his constituents. Recently they sent to Senator Clapp, also from Minnesota, a petition asking for its repeal. Mr. Steenerson received a letter from the man who secured the signatures to the petition, saying that it had been sent to Senator Clapp and Mr. Steenerson could use the petition if he so desired. An opportune moment arrived in the House for Mr. Steenerson to present the petition and he hastened to Senator Clapp's office to get it.

"There is no such petition here," declared the Senator's clerk. "The only thing we have from your correspondent is a barrel of apples that we haven't opened."

"Apples!" shouted Mr. Steenerson who was in a hurry to get back to the floor with the document. "Nothing of the sort. That is a barrel of protests against reciprocity. Where upon Mr. Steenerson jumped on the head of the barrel with both feet, scattered the papers, in which the document was wrapped, around the floor, secured the document which was nearly two hundred feet long and rolled up on a stick like a map. He got back to the House Chamber in time to be recognized by the Speaker, where the petition was formally referred to the Committee on ways and means.

Hawkins Case Ends in Acquittal.

Asheville, June 12.—The jury in the Hawkins case at 11:15 this morning filed into the Hendersonville court house and announced a verdict of not guilty as to all the defendants in the case on all counts. It had been out since 8 o'clock last night. The verdict was agreed to early this morning, but Judge Foushee was out riding, and it was sometime before the court convened. The verdict was greeted with a great demonstration by the people present.

The defendants were Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McCall, George and Doney Bradley, Dan McCall, Mrs. Lizzie Shaft and Mrs. Nora Britt.

Drowned in Tar River.

Rocky Mount, June 15.—While in swimming in Tar river at 9:30 this morning, Roy Moore, the 16 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Moore, was drowned when a pair of water wings on which he was floating sprung a leak and the air went out. The young man was about middle way of the river and when the air went out of the wings, he was unable to save himself. Besides himself there were only three boys present, all of them smaller than the drowned boy and none were able to save him.

Strength of Democratic Candidates.

Clark	514
Wilson	204
Underwood	84
Hannon	48
Marshall	30
Baldwin	14
Burke	10
Unpledged	190
Total	1094

The South needs more livestock, but she does not need them badly enough to feed them on bought hay. Therefore, the growing of forage from legume crops and grasses becomes of great importance.—The Progressive Farmer.

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HALIFAX COUNTY ROADS.

Good Work Done With Convicts but Not Systematically as Yet.

The following communication by Mr. Jno. L. Patterson, of Roanoke Rapids, president of the Halifax County Good Roads Association, appeared in the Charlotte Daily Observer some days ago, and we take the liberty of reproducing it here. The article is as follows:

"Good roads is a subject very dear to the writer, also, and he wishes it were possible for him to report more progress along this line in our county.

"We have the system of working our county convicts on the roads, which is the only way for counties to adopt if they want to build improved highways at the lowest cost. It is my opinion that convict labor should only be used for building the highways, or where there is a big repair job to be done. After the highways are built, they should be maintained by section gangs.

"Our convict force has built, in several localities in the county, a few miles of good sand-clay or gravel road, but as yet no systematic work has been undertaken, and consequently there is not an improved road of any considerable length in the county.

"Out of the five hundred miles of public roads, we probably have, at points, as much as thirty miles improved, sand-clay and gravel road, and in other localities we have some fairly good dirt roads.

"There was an attempt made last fall to have an election to decide whether the county should issue \$300,000 of bonds for building trunk lines of improved highways throughout the county. The attempt failed, but we hope within the next twelve months to carry an election of this kind, which would insure us three hundred miles of improved, gravel-surface roads, and put the county abreast of the more progressive counties in the State which have already greatly improved their highways.

"The projected 'All-Capital Highway' passes through the upper part of our county and crosses the Roanoke river at our place, where we have the best highway bridge across the Roanoke from Danville to the sea. Most of this highway through our county is in passable condition throughout the year, and a part of it is always in good condition.

"In the opinion of the writer, the question of improved highways is the most important one that confronts the American people to-day, and their adoption throughout the country will do more towards reducing the present high cost of living, and in that way subdue the political and labor unrest, than any other one influence.

"The more one studies the question, the more confident he becomes that the benefits of improved highways are far-reaching and almost unlimited; and what every community, county, State or Federal government has spent judiciously for building roads could not have been invested better.

"Our association wishes that all the papers in this State were as wide awake to the issue as your estimable paper; in which event, there would be a marked improvement in the building of roads, as the papers of a State have a great influence in educating its people to the advantages and necessities of such a movement."

A Card.

To the Editor:—We take this method of expressing our deep and heartfelt thanks to all those good friends and neighbors who were so kind and thoughtful of us and our dear daughter, Etta, during her recent illness and death.

We can never forget these ministrations of love and tender kindnesses so bountifully showered upon us by many willing hearts and hands. We know that we shall never be able to show to each one our appreciation in full measure; but, we are humbly grateful to all, and this we would have you know.

Sincerely,
MR. AND MRS. B. I. ALLSBROOK.
June 14, 1912.

There is little chance for failure in the livestock business in the South if the feeds are produced on the farm. Don't get the livestock before the feeds have been grown. It is more profitable to sell feeds than to buy them at present prices.—The Progressive Farmer.

There is considerable testimony which indicates that ditches not more than six feet deep can be dug with dynamite much more cheaply than in any other way. This may not be true in all cases, but it certainly is in stumpy or rocky lands. All who have ditches to dig should investigate dynamite and its possibilities.—The Progressive Farmer.

Stork Partial to Miner's Domicile.
There seems to be an especial affinity between the stork and the family of Frank Bartofski, a miner at Jackson City, Pa. In ten years the stork has brought 12 babies, including three pairs of twins, and one set of triplets. Ten of the children are living.

Sleeping In Doses.
Doctors are now studying the idea of sleeping for shorter time and oftener. By division of the hours of sleep new stimulus for work is gained and new energy—both physical and mental—must result.—Harper's Weekly.

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