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Notice of Summons.

North Carolina—Halifax County. In the Superior Court.

Mary Drew vs. Emper r Drew.

Notice.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Halifax County, North Carolina, to dissolve the bond of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff and the defendant upon the ground stated in the Revial of 1908 (Pell), section 1561, subsection 1, as fully set out in the complaint in said action; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of Halifax County, North Carolina, to be held at the court house in Hrlifax on the fifth Monday before the first Monday in March, 1913, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 2nd day of January, 1913.

S. M. GARY, Clerk Superior Court.

Notice of Sale.

By virtue of power vested in me by a certain deed of trust executed to me by Chas. Baker, Walter Baker and Thomas Smith, which is recorded in Book 204 on Page 106, in the Register of Deeds' office of Halifax County, I will on the first day of February, 1913, in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder, the following property, to-wit: That tract of land in Halifax County, North Carolina, and in Conoconara Township, known as the J. A. Pope Home Place, containing 487 1/2 acres, more or less, adjoining the lands of the estate of Paul Tillery, the lands of Adam Morrow, North Carolina Lumber Company and others.

All the timber on said tract of land measuring 10 inches and over at the stump is reserved from the operation of this sale, said timber being the property of W. F. Butterworth and others, as is shown by deed from Hoffman to Baker and Smith.

This December 29, 1912.

A. PAUL KITCHIN, Trustee.

Notice!

All persons are hereby forbidden in any way obstruct the drains on either side of the public roads in Conoconara, Scotland Neck, Roseneath and Palmyra townships, under penalty of the law. Those who have obstructed by filling in said drains with poles or dirt are hereby notified to immediately remove said obstruction. Do not allow your plows to be dragged over the drains. Obstructing the drains is against the road law. We cannot have good roads unless the drains are kept open. We appeal to all the citizens of said townships to co-operate with us in keeping said drains open at all times.

J. H. DARDEN, Supt. Conoconara Township.
T. H. SMITH, Supt. Scot. Neck Township.
W. C. ALLSBROOK, Supt. Roseneath Township.
R. H. WHITE, Supt. Palmyra Township.

This January 7, 1913.

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Start the new year right by buying

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Make more 15¢ cent cotton on the ground that you have been growing 12 cent cotton on. Price per bushel \$1.00. For full information address, BEAVER DAM FARM, Scotland Neck, N. C.

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I feel I owe it to you to let you know what Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root has done for me. I was bothered for about twelve months with backache and kidney trouble, also annoying symptoms and was badly run down. After using Swamp-Root, was restored to health. I am local distributor of Paris and can't say too much for Swamp-Root. I am now in good health.

Very truly yours,
J. M. DODD,
309 So. 18th St., Paris, Texas.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 19th day of February, A. D. 1912.

CHAS. A. NEOTHERY,
Justice of the Peace and Ex-Officio, Notary Public in and for Lamar County, Texas.

Letter to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

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Send to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. It will convince any one. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling all about the kidneys and bladder. When writing be sure and mention The Commonwealth. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.

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Scotland Neck, N. C.

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Attorney-at-Law,

Scotland Neck, N. C.

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DR. O. F. SMITH
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Prevents hair falling out and keeps it growing.

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BULBS!

Now is the time to set out Flowering Bulbs to bloom next spring; also to pot or box some of them for forcing in the house. I have received a large collection of Imported Hyacinths, Daffodils, Narcissus and many other varieties at reasonable prices. Place also your order for Roses, Carnations and other Choice Cut Flowers, Floral Designs, Palms and Ferns. Send for price list.

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FLORIST

Raleigh, North Carolina.

Guthrie Madry, Local Agent,
Scotland Neck, N. C.

Message of the Governor.

The message of Governor Kitchin, submitted to the legislature yesterday, has first of all the commendable quality of brevity. Though it covers the important needs of the state in the suggestions it contains, it is not verbose and one does not have to wade through a great muddle of words to get at its recommendations. It is terse, pithy and to the point and its suggestions are in line with the progressive demands of the best thought of the State.

Very fittingly the governor in almost the first paragraph of his message calls attention to the deficit in the state treasury and urges the general assembly to "cut the garment to fit the cloth" and to be careful not to appropriate money in excess of probable revenues. He recommends a constitutional amendment giving the governor the veto power. He again recommends a state-wide primary law and a corrupt practices act. A general search and seizure law, he thinks, is needed for the better enforcement of the prohibition law. Better public schools are needed and he urges a liberal policy towards them. He thinks that every able bodied convict that can safely be worked on the public roads should be worked and that the others should be kept on the farm, that the state's prison headquarters be moved to the farm and that the penitentiary buildings be put to other uses. He recommends, the indeterminate sentence, the parole and a pardon board. In line with the better thought of the day he recommends that where there is a wife or children dependent upon a prisoner that the county or state be required to pay one-third of the value of such convict's work to the support of such dependents. In homicide cases one-third should go to the dependents of the deceased.

Other suggestions are that light and power plants should be placed under the jurisdiction and made subject to the corporation commission; that railroad companies should be required to draw mileage from the mileage books on the trains, an increase of judicial districts from 16 to 20, increased pensions to Confederate veterans, better child labor laws, including factory inspection, a license for all foreign corporations doing business in the state, state highway and drainage commission and that the state take county bonds to aid them in building roads, a vital statistics law, physical valuation of railroad property, Torrens land title system, improved fish and oyster laws, a special committee to investigate fire insurance conditions and rates, amendments to the anti-trust law, and legislative reform.

These things are all in the minds of our people and we believe that the majority of the legislators feel the necessity for action along the lines of the governor's message,—Raleigh Times.

Wilson County a Leader.

The publication in a newspaper in the State that a farmer near Dunn in Harnett County, had secured forty-two bales of cotton from twenty acres caused Mr. John L. Bailey to come one better and call attention to the fact that Mr. J. Y. Barkley, a tenant on his farm near Elm City in this county raised on twenty acres forty-four bales weighing from 430 to 500 pounds.—Wilson Times.

In the Treatment of

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Scott's Emulsion is nature's nourishing, curative-food; prompt, sure and permanent.

Rely on **SCOTT'S** and insist on **SCOTT'S.**

MERCHANTS SHOULD GET BUSY.

Parcel Post Will Extend Trading Very Materially.

In writing about the workings of parcel post, Mr. C. G. Creighton, secretary of the Merchants Association of North Carolina, says:

"Whether the parcel post instituted by the United States Post-office Department January 1, 1913, will be a benefit to the merchants of North Carolina depends entirely and solely upon the merchants themselves. If the parcel post is made use of by the merchants, retail and jobbers, as well as wholesalers, it will result in immense benefit to the mercantile interests of the State, and if this opportunity is not taken advantage of it will mean that mail order houses in the North will reap the benefit."

"A careful study of the zone plan of the parcel post system as applying to North Carolina, shows that a material reduction in the cost of handling small shipments of merchandise throughout the State will be made when compared to the rates heretofore charged by the express companies, but the greatest advantage accruing to the merchants of the State is that every postoffice becomes an express office, and every rural free delivery route becomes an express delivery, in contradistinction to the express plan of delivering only to cities and towns along the lines of railway."

"As is well known the basis upon which charges for transportation by this 'government express' is the 50 mile zone, but it is not to be understood that the distance the 50 mile zone will carry mail is just 50 miles. In fact, in many instances the distance is nearly three times this figure from the fact that for the purpose of unifying rates each degree of latitude and longitude in the United States is divided into quarters represented by our squares within the latitude and longitude. The order of the postal department is that the square intersected by the zone circle shall take the rate of the lower or inside zone instead of the outside or next highest zone. It means, therefore, that in many instances a package weighing 11 pounds may be sent 135 miles for the minimum rate, 35 cents."

"That this will operate to the advantage of the merchants of the State can be readily seen. It means that the man living at a point heretofore considered to be isolated, from an express or freight viewpoint, is brought into direct and daily communication with the stores within a wide radius, and he can secure daily, from the various centres of trade in his zone and in the next surrounding zone for the most part, merchandise which he has heretofore been compelled to do without or to get at widely separated intervals."

"It means better service to the people of every section of the State, and therefore greater satisfaction with their purchases from the stores of their territory and a consequent reduction in the amount spent with mail order houses at a distance."

"If the merchants of the State will take the trouble to lay before the people living along the rural free delivery routes in their zone and in the next surrounding zone, the facts in the case, pointing out the ease with which they can secure merchandise and the ease with which they can put their produce in the hands of the people of the city, the object and purpose of the parcel post will have been attained."

The Legislature Meets.

Raleigh, Jan. 8.—The 1913 session of the North Carolina General Assembly convened today at noon and proceeded at once with the election of the officers who were chosen in the Senate and House caucuses last night. For the Senate the officers are:

President pro tem—Senator Pharr, of Mecklenburg.
Principal Clerk—R. O. Self of Jackson.
Reading Clerk—R. M. Phillips, of Guilford.
Sergeant-at-Arms—W. G. Hall, of Cumberland.
Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms—G. W. Hinsley, of Anson.
The House organized with Hon. George Connor, of Wilson, as speaker and the other officers chosen were:

Principal Clerk—T. C. Cobb, of Burke.
Reading Clerk—Alfred McLean, of Harnett.
Sergeant-at-Arms—J. H. Moring, of Wake.
Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms—E. J. Jenkins.
Engraving Clerk—M. D. Kingland, of Haywood county.

University Notes.

Chapel Hill, Jan. 13.—Dr. Charles L. Roper, head of the department of economics at the University of North Carolina, and author of several books in the field of finance, in discussing the present method of taxation and the deficit in the treasury of North Carolina, says the general property tax, which is the big source of revenue in this State, must either be abandoned or be administered with the utmost ability and justice. Looking to this end of equitable assessment of taxes in this State, Dr. Roper advocates the creation of the office of a State tax commissioner, citing the example of West Virginia, one of the most successful Eastern States in the matter of taxation, where such an office is a factor in the taxation machinery. Further, the economic professor urges the making of the county as a unit, instead of the present unit, the township.

Dr. A. S. Wheeler, of the department of Chemistry in the University, is the inventor of an improved thermometer for the use of chemists and scientists. This thermometer has the advantage of enabling the investigator to read correct temperatures without resorting to calculation for correction of errors. It is used for melting and boiling point determinations, and is manufactured in Berlin as the subject of a German patent.

Report of State Tax Commission for 1912.

The Report of the State Tax Commission for the year 1912 has been received. A copy of the Report will be mailed free to any one interested in tax matters, on request to the State Tax Commission, Raleigh, N. C.

The Report gives a complete statistical analysis of the working of our tax system. Some features covered by the report are valuation of different classes of property by town, township and county divisions; assessment of public-service and other corporations; tax rate and bonded indebtedness of counties, cities and towns; tax receipts from all sources other than general property tax, given by counties, etc.

For the year 1911 there was an increase in assessed valuation of all property in State of 19.1 per cent as compared with 1910 and of 29 per cent as compared with the former quadrennial assessment period of 1907. Total tax valuations in the State more than doubled from 1901 to 1911, the figures being three hundred and forty-one million for 1901 and seven hundred and forty million for 1911.

The Commission recommends that the Legislature find some other means than an increase in the rate of the general property tax, if it should be found necessary to have more revenue than is provided by the increase of property valuations.

Didn't Know What 'Tater Biscuit Was.

There are some men on The Advertiser who do not know what a 'tater biscuit is. Do you know?

A young man in the business office yesterday announced after lunch that he had just eaten as nice a meal of 'tater biscuits as any man ever sat down to.

"'Tater biscuit!" gasped another member of the business office force. "What in tarnation is a potato biscuit?"

Not as many of his associates laughed as you might think. Many of them were as much amazed as the one quoted. But this was too much for those who had come from the soil in their earlier days. The idea of anybody not knowing about 'tater biscuits!

A 'tater biscuit consists of sweet potatoes, flour, milk and soda. Baked sweet potatoes are undressed and mashed to a pulp. This portion is mixed and wrapped with common biscuit dough, patted out into biscuit shape, put in the stove and duly baked. Taken fresh and hot from the stove and mixed with good Jersey butter, nothing is more delicious. The same may be eaten either with syrup or gravy.

Potato biscuits are common in the country, even now, and in the cities where old-time cooks are employed.—Montgomery, Ala., Advertiser.

Accidents will happen, but the best regulated families keep Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil for such emergencies. Two sizes 25 and 50c at all stores.

FOR WOMEN ONLY.

That is the nature of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription—the one remedy for women which contains no alcohol and no habit-forming drugs. Made from native medicinal forest roots, Dr. Pierce tells its every ingredient on the bottle-wrapper. Prominent physicians and some of the best medical authorities endorse these ingredients as being the very best known remedies for ailments and weaknesses peculiar to women.



This is what **MRS. CENETI E. COFFEY**, of Longstreet, Ky., says: "I feel it my duty to write and tell you what your medicines have done for me. I was a great sufferer for six years from a trouble peculiar to women, but I am thankful to say, after taking four bottles of your 'Favorite Prescription' I am not bothered with that dreadful disease any more. I feel like a new woman. When I first wrote you for advice I only weighed 115 pounds—now I weigh 137."

"I thank you very much for your kindness. You have been as a father to me in advising me what to do, so may God bless you in every effort you put forth for good."

"I hope this testimonial will be the means of some poor suffering woman seeking health."

Dr. Pierce's Medical Adviser, newly revised up-to-date edition, answers hosts of delicate questions about which every woman, single or married ought to know.

Vanderbilt's Big Profit in Timber.

George W. Vanderbilt invested \$136,000 twenty years ago when he bought for \$2 an acre 68,000 acres of mountain forest land, most of it along the Transylvania branch of the Southern railway. This fall Mr. Vanderbilt sold the large timber from the tract for \$12 an acre, or \$816,000. He made a profit of \$680,000 on his investment, and he still has the land and all timber under 14 inches.

This is an example of profits on a large scale from Southeastern timber lands. The purchasers are given 20 years to remove the 25,000,000 feet of lumber estimated to be on the tract. It is agreed that the timber shall be cut with a view to the proper conservation of the forest.

The lumber will be manufactured at Pisgah Forest Station, where the purchasers of the big timber tract will erect a mill. Wood waste has been purchased by the Brevard Tanning Company.—Southern Field.

AGE NO BAR.

Everybody in Scotland Neck is Eligible.

Old people stopped with suffering. Middle age, courageously fighting. Youth protesting impatiently; Children, unable to explain; All in misery from their kidneys. Perhaps a little backache first. Urinary disorders, dropsy may quickly follow.

Doan's Kidney Pills are for sick kidneys.

Are endorsed by thousands.

Here's Scotland Neck testimony: Mrs. W. S. Bradley, Raccoke St., Scotland Neck, N. C., says: "I have been convinced that Doan's Kidney Pills are a good kidney medicine. One of my children had a kidney weakness and I used Doan's Kidney Pills in this case, getting them at E. T. Whitehead Co's. drug store. The results were very satisfactory."

For sale by all druggists. Price 50 cents. Foster-McBreen Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

President's Attitude.

Trenton, N. J., 9.—President-elect Wilson's attitude toward the contest in both Houses of Congress over the abolishment of the "senator-at-large" rule in the make-up of committees and settlement of the contest in the method of naming of committees and the electing of committee members is believed today to be one of "hands off." He appears to feel that the House should be organized along progressive lines under the leadership of their own members without the necessity of his taking any part in the contest.

Best Form of Prayer.

When the hearts of men and women are filled with heavenly love, a power which makes for righteousness constantly emanates from them. Those who pray with their lives offer the most effective prayer, even though they do not utter a word.—Chauncey Giles.

Chronic Constipation Cured.

"Five years ago I had the worst case of chronic constipation I ever knew of, and Chamberlain's Tablets cured me," writes S. F. Fish, Brooklyn, Mich. For sale by all dealers.

A Natural Question.

"'Hurry, I'm going in for the simple life a while.' 'All right, my dear,' said Hubby, as he reached for his check book. 'How many gowns will that require?'"

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