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We are already on record as favoring waterworks and sewerage for this here town.

The Greensboro News has encouraged us. You may now expect some real stuff in this column.

This time next year you can take your bath in a porcelain-lined receptacle if you have the price of one.

It pleases the ear to hear of those bitulitic streets and granolithic sidewalks. We say: the sooner the better.

We move and respectfully ask someone to second it, that Scotland Neck have a public park. We know of a location we will pitch onto.

The trouble with Scotland Neck has ever been the lack of concentration. Now that we have begun; let's all pull for the town while the pulling is good.

WE FAIL TO SEE THE POINT.
Mr. Mitchell thinks he won his point even if he did not get many votes. And there are others who agree with him.—Kinston Free Press.

THE SOY BEAN.

In our next issue we will publish an interesting article under the above caption from the pen of Mr. C. B. Williams of Robeson county, and same will be an interesting piece of reading for the farmer who is contemplating putting in a crop of this kind for soil improving purposes or for pasturage. We recently had a talk with Mr. B. B. Everett of Palmyra, who is advertising a limited quantity of these beans for sale for seed, and he states that he finds that they will do exactly what is claimed for them. He is disposing of his surplus supply to people right here in his home county. Another interesting portion of the article will be the substitution of soy beans for cotton seed at the cotton oil mills. The cost of crushing the seed and sacking the meal is said to be as low, if not lower than cotton seed.

A REAL MOVE FOR GOOD.

The public spirited members of the Scotland Neck Board of Trade are to be commended upon the stand they assumed last night in calling upon the mayor and town aldermen for a bond issue for waterworks and sewerage and paved streets. The time was never more ripe for these improvements; in fact one could not expect the town to go forward financially and in population without these improvements. It goes without saying that in less time than a year the proposed improvements will be in effect and giving service to the people who have so long needed them. It is not expected, either, that every citizen of the town will join in with these farsighted members of the Board of Trade to see the improvements, because every town has its back numbers, but it becomes the duty of the real progressive citizen to speak kindly with his brother who can not see as far ahead, and the work will be accomplished without a great division of sentiment.

Common sense teaches us that the proposed improvements of the town will greatly reduce the sick rate and at the same time be a real commodity we will never forgive ourselves for doing without so long.

Let us keep an eye single to the accomplishment of this great work.

"THERE'S A REASON."

The automobile business is a side line with me, and gets very little attention, so far as "going after orders" but despite the fact that I do not travel anyone, nor travel myself to sell automobiles I have sold 17 1916 Model Overlands this season and only half of Halifax County to sell them in. "There's a reason" and the reason is, that people know that in the OVERLAND car they get more and better for the price than in many, perhaps ANY other car made, so I do not have to go after orders, the orders come to me. G. C. WEEKS

WOW!

I doff my hat
To my friend Brewster,
Whose auto killed
My neighbor's rooster.
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

We tip our tile
To Colonel Huppy,
Whose flivver slew
Our neighbor's puppy.
—Mason Telegraph.

Our chapeau's off
To Ezra Pratt;
Whose twin-six meshed
Our neighbor's cat.
—Columbia State.

We swing our crown
To William Benz;
His road-house killed
Our guinea-hens.
—Kinston News.

FOOTSTEPS OF THE FATHERS

New News of Thirty Years Ago When the Older Citizens of the Town Were Boys and Girls.

(Taken from the files of this paper June 11, 1886)

Several of our citizens are off to Wake Forest commencement this week. Mrs. Bell, whose critical condition we noted last week died at B. Allsbrook on Friday.

The Rev. Mr. Dowell will preach at Kill Quick on Sunday next at 11 o'clock a. m., and at Mullins Cross Roads at 4:30 o'clock p. m.

Mrs. Ethengaines, and old and esteemed lady of our town died Tuesday at the residence of Wilson Allsbrook. Age 84 years.

The rain here on Tuesday was the heaviest of many years. We learn that in the neighborhood of Joseph Drew that a negro and a mule were killed by lightning.

Our old friend S. S. Norman was elected a member of the Inferior court on Monday. We are sure he will wear his honor gracefully and that he will preside with ease and dignity.

Mr. W. E. Bowers, one of our county commissioners and one of the progressive farmers of this section came down with Mr. C. T. Lawrence on Monday and was showed his fine farm. Never were county affairs managed so well as during the past four years. Prescott, Wood, Whitaker, Johnson and Bowers are to be commended for their faithful and good work.

MR. SMITH INJURED.

Mr. T. B. Smith, while logging in the Pocosin swamp several miles from town Monday afternoon had his leg broken in two places below the knee joint, caused by a log rolling on it.

Mr. Smith who was alone hitched his team and drove to town, a distance of several miles where medical aid was procured.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

Would Have it Tight.
If the Anti-Saloon League asks for real prohibition the Legislature should grant it, remembering what the people voted for a few years ago.—Durham Herald.

Italian Bye

Mr. J. C. Bell tells us that he has four acres of Italian rye with three grains to the bush. He says this rye is rank and grows rapidly during the winter months.—The Taylorsville Scout.

Two Boys Who Will Win.

A gentleman called at this office a few days ago to say that he saw two small boys, J. B. Williams and "Bud" Tarlton weld a wagon tire after a number of older and more experienced "smiths" had failed on the job. You never can tell what there is in a boy; always give him a chance.—Wadesboro Ansonian.

The Speakership.

Mr. Henry A. Page of Aberdeen, is announced as a candidate for Speaker of the House. This brings up the list to three. Bowie of Ashe was first in the field and the second was Mr. Walter Murphy of Rowan. Mr. Bowie was speaker of the House in the last session, having been elected to succeed Speaker Wooten, who died from injuries received in an automobile accident, and his friends are claiming for him the privilege of a full term. Both Mr. Murphy and Mr. Page are legislators of experience and of much popularity and already it is seen that the contest for the speakership is going to be an interesting one.—Charlotte Observer.

The Deaf and Dumb School

The address last Wednesday by Governor Craig at the School for the Deaf and Dumb at Morganton was exceedingly interesting and helpful. The Governor was surprised and delighted with the school which he said was one of the best of its kind in the United States; he also expressed the opinion that it is the most beautiful place in North Carolina. There are 280 children in the school and the session just closed was one of the best and most satisfactory in the history of the institution. Professor Goodwin the able and tireless superintendent, has a strong and capable corps of teachers and the school moved along through the year with perfect harmony. This splendid institution sheds lustre on the State.—Charity and Children.

Young Man, Who are You?

Are you known by your own name, or are you known merely as your father's son?

Are you known by your good qualities and by your own acts, or are you remembered simply because you bear the name of better people who conceived you and brought you into this world?

The young man who can look his elders straight in the eye and say, "I am James Maker" already has opportunity at his feet, but the fellow who can say nothing better than that he is "R. Maker's son" will still be groping in the darkness of the future after opportunity has vanished in the distance.

Be something, do something, create a personality of your own, and the world will know you and respect you

for what you are and not for what your parents were before you.

But continue content as "another man's son" and you will be accorded the respect and privileges only of "another man's son," and when death overtakes you your home paper will speak charitably of you merely as "another man's son."—Tarboro Southerner.

Nomads of the Desert.

The Tuaregs are of the purest Berber stock, the noble families unmixed with other blood, and, in their own language, they call themselves the Noble People. Nominally, they are Mohammedans and some of their number compose the most intolerant and warlike sect in Islam, the Senusi sect. Their hatred for the foreigner is greater even than that bred by their religion, and so they are more exclusive than ever were the Chinese or Japanese. Their social organization divides them into five classes, the nobles, the priests, the herds, the cross-breeds and the slaves. All of these classes have this that is democratic—they form together the Tuareg family, which holds itself superior to all the other peoples of the earth.

Sure Sign of Age.

A sure sign of advancing age is that the circus elephant isn't nearly as big as he used to be.

THE SCISSORS CLUB.

Friday afternoon Mrs. Sam A. Dunn entertained the Scissors Club at her home on Greenwood street. Quite a number of the club members besides a number of visitors were present and all enjoyed themselves with conversation, games and the like. Mrs. Dunn served a delicious salad course with tomatoes and ice tea. Those present were: Misses Mattie Josey, Cornelia Josey, Sallie Mae Josey, Louise Josey, Minnie Dunn, Josephine Tillery, Hilda Hancock, Louise Futrelle, Bessie Futrelle, Helen Hilliard and Mesdames W. O. Lawrence, C. T. Lawrence, T. D. Kitchin, R. C. Josey, Jr., W. H. McDowell, Kathleen Kelly.

A defeated candidate for the office of Sheriff of Camden county, C. S. Williams by name shot and seriously injured a political ally and close friend of his successful opponent. The shooting is the result of bitter feeling engendered during the campaign.

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Feed Oats75c
Fresh pork9c to 10c
Hams (county)19c
Lard12 1/2c to 15c
Cheese per lb.25c
Butter35c to 45c
Meal, pr sack\$2.00
Flour, 12-lb sacks50c
Coffee15c to 25c
Cotton seed meal, ton\$35
Cotton seed hulls, ton\$16
Potatoes, sweet, pr bu.\$1.25
Potatoes, Irish, bag\$3.25

TAR HEEL EVENTS.

Mr. Bobbitt M. Tuttle of Weldon successfully passed the State Board of Pharmacy's examination at Raleigh last week, and is now a full-fledged pill-roller.

The body of an infant was found in the old granite quarry at Raleigh last Friday by a colored boy. Decomposition of the body made it difficult to determine its color.

NORTH CAROLINA GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION

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STATE'S PRISON AGAINST THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The people of North Carolina, and especially those of Halifax County, are entitled to know whether the State's Prison Board and Superintendent shall obey the acts of the General Assembly, or whether they have some special protection or dispensation through which they may laugh at the authority of the Legislature. I for one believe that the State's Prison Board and Superintendent should obey the law as much as a humble individual. The State owns several thousand acres of land in this County in Halifax Township, known as the State Farm, which is cultivated by the State's Prison. This farm, I believe, is the best paying piece of property owned by the State. Upon said farm is worked several hundred miles which, of course, necessitates the use of the public roads for the State Farm to transport its produce and fertilizer. The State pays no taxes to help maintain the roads used by them. The General Assembly of North Carolina through its wisdom, at its extra session in 1913, passed a law requiring the State's Prison to work and repair the public road leading from the State Farm to the town of Halifax, about seven miles in length (see Chapter 65, Laws of 1913, Extra Session). The State's Prison ignored said law for the years 1913 and 1914, after having been repeatedly asked by the Highway Commissioners of said County to work said road. The law above cited of 1913 was more of a request than a demand, as the people of Halifax thought a request would only be necessary. So the General Assembly, Session 1915, Chapter 52, passed another act to amend Chapter 65 of Laws of 1913 in these words and figures as follows, to-wit:

Section 1. That section two of chapter sixty-five of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, extra session, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "That this work shall be done in accordance with and under the direction

of the highway commission of Halifax Township, and said directors of the State's Prison shall place on said road not later than August first, nineteen hundred and fifteen, a force of convicts not less than thirty in number, with suitable teams, and so forth, not less than forty mules, with wagons and tools, and keep the same there until said work is completed: Provided, that the directors of the State's Prison may not be required to build a more expensive type of road than the roads built under the bond issue of the highway commission of said township."

Section 2. That all laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This act shall be in force from its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 25th, day of February, 1915.

Since the adjournment of the General Assembly of 1915, I am reliably informed that the Superintendent and Board of Directors of the State Prison have been repeatedly asked to comply with this law, but thus far have refused to do so, thereby in substance, saying to the law making power of North Carolina, "I will not obey your mandates. I will not comply with your law. I am greater than the General Assembly. Therefore, take your little law as passed by the Legislature and go to the Devil with it, and if you want your roads worked, work them yourself."

Now, it is not a question of whether the roads should be worked by the State or not. It is a question of whether the Board of Directors and Superintendent of the State's Prison shall obey the mandates of the General Assembly of North Carolina or not.

The powers that be ought to give the people an answer to this. Will someone answer? The State Prison ought to be made by the proper authorities, if we have any in North Carolina superior to them, to work that road and comply with the law.

Yours truly,
A. P. K.

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