

SALARIES VERSUS FEES.
 Attention is being directed by some of the State papers to the matter of the payment of State and county officers, the advantages of the salary over the fee system being shown. This, it seems to us, is a matter of sufficient import to demand the interest of and investigation by all citizens. From time immemorial, or rather 'twere more correct perhaps to say since the formation of the commonwealth, State officers, or a part of them, and county officers have been paid for their services in fees. In recent years, however, a few counties, through special legislation, have done away with the fee system and substituted a salary system instead. There seems to be plenty of evidence that the counties which have taken this step have been profited thereby.

It is not our purpose to discuss here that phase of the question relating to the placing of State officers on a salaried basis. This we believe should be done and we take occasion in passing to endorse the sentiments expressed by The Raleigh News and Observer in a recent issue, when it says:

"The fee system should be cut up root and branch, and fixed sums paid public officials for the performance of public duty. No official's income should depend upon fees. This is particularly true of solicitors, who are dependent for their income upon convicting parties charged with crime. North Carolina has an excellent set of solicitors and there is little ground for complaint and demand for salaried solicitors is based upon a sound principle and not upon abuse of their positions by our present solicitors, most of whom are conducting their offices in a manner above criticism."

Reverting to the proposition to establish the salary system as it relates to county officers, it is interesting to note the case of Guilford county. The Legislature of two years ago enacted a law placing the officers in that county on a salary basis. This law went into effect December 1st, 1906, and the statement is made that, during the first month this law was in force, the sum of \$700 was saved to the county. Taking this as an average month, this means a total annual saving to Guilford of \$8,400 a year. Worth saving, isn't it?

Just what the saving to Gaston would be, were the officers of this county put on a salary basis, it is difficult to say and we would not venture to make a guess. We feel safe in asserting, however, that there would be a saving and that the amount would assist materially in liquidating the county's indebtedness.

The fee system, it seems to us, would be fair to all concerned, to the county and to its officers. We would not undertake to say what the salaries should be. Both fairness and economy should be looked to in fixing them. As The Raleigh News and Observer says: "Neither extravagance nor niggardliness should prevail." There is no reason, we believe, why Gaston county should not, by adopting the salary system, save money to itself, at the same time paying all its officers just and fair salaries. The business of the county is growing larger every year. Isn't it time that some serious consideration be given to this subject by Gaston county officers?

There are in Gaston county, we are informed, between 175 and 200 Confederate veterans—gray-headed heroes who fought valiantly, though vainly, for the Southland and its rights. The Gastonia Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy have, at the expense of no little time and labor, prepared, for the special

benefit of these old soldiers, an excellent programme for the celebration of the Lee-Jackson birthday anniversary to-morrow. The Gazette hopes that every old soldier in the county who can possibly do so will be on hand to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock to attend these exercises. The ladies have not been unmindful of the wants of the inner man and have provided for the veterans a repast which we are sure they will enjoy. Let all come.

NOTICE.
 Every member of the J. D. Moore Chapter Children of the Confederacy is requested to be present at the celebration of Lee and Jackson's birthdays, which will be held in the Mason's hall Saturday morning, Jan. 19, at 10 o'clock.
 JENNIE PEGRAM, Sec.

Dope Laden Medicine.
 This is an age when papers are exposing dope laden medicines. It is dope here and dope there, and some say the nation is becoming dope-ridden. One philosopher says unless dope is stopped this will soon become a nation of imbeciles. Then why help this unhappy state of affairs? Why not use Gowen's Pneumonia Cure for Croup and Colds, and apply it externally and not make a drug fiend of your loved ones. Gowen's has stood the test. It will positively cure Pneumonia—and physicians recommend it and use it. Get a bottle to-day. It has cured thousands and you should not be too late. Pneumonia, like time and tide, waits for no man, not even the doctor. Have a bottle of Gowen's in the house and laugh at pneumonia. J18p1

U. C.'s Entertained.
 In compliment to the U. C. Club, Dr. and Mrs. D. E. McConnell threw open the doors of their new home for the first time last evening from 8:30 to 11 o'clock. The genuine hospitality extended all the guests made the occasion one of marked pleasure to all and those present are under many obligations to the host and hostess for an evening of most pleasant entertainment. Progressive anagrams was the game played. Refreshments were daintily served in three courses—salads, coffee and orange snow and cake. A feature of the occasion was delightful music rendered by Mrs. McConnell and several of the guests. Assisting Dr. and Mrs. McConnell in receiving were Miss Mamie Cabaniss and Miss Mary Ragan. The guests were: Misses Mamie Huss, Emma and Laura Page, Lowry Shuford, Edith Adams, Ethel Gray, Lotie Blake, Mamie Cabaniss, Eileen Harvey, Nell Smyre, Salina and Zoe Latham, Mary Ragan; Mesdames Mamie Glenn and Ossie Wilson; Messrs. W. L. Balthis, Joe S. Wray, Bernard Smith, Lamar Pegram, Ed Pegram, A. G. Myers, Tom Kendrick, Chas. Cavis, Fred Smyre, Sam Shuford, W. W. Glenn, G. W. Wilson, A. M. Dixon, E. G. McLurd and S. J. Wilkinson.

At the Churches.
 Associate Reformed Presbyterian church—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 p. m. Rev. J. C. Galloway, pastor.
 First Baptist church—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7.15 p. m. Sunday school 9.45 a. m. B. Y. P. U. Tuesday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Rev. W. H. Reddish, pastor.
 West End Methodist church—Services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Epworth League at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. M. Downum, pastor.
 Main Street Methodist church—Services at 11 a. m. and 7.15 p. m. Sunday school at 9.45 a. m. Epworth League at 6.30 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7.15. Rev. K. Sakatumbe will lecture at the evening service Sunday. Rev. E. L. Bain, pastor.

First Presbyterian church—Services at 11 a. m. and 7.15 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.15. Rev. A. D. P. Gilmour, of the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., will preach at the morning service. Bible class for men will be conducted by Rev. R. C. Anderson at 10 a. m. All men are invited to be present.
 Lutheran church—Preaching 3.30 p. m. Sunday school 2.30 p. m. Rev. John Hall, pastor.

Cards have been received by friends in Lexington announcing the wedding of Hon. R. N. Hackett to Miss Lois Long, daughter of Judge B. F. Long, of Statesville. The event will occur on the 31st of January at the home of the bride.—Lexington Dispatch.

THE LEGISLATURE.

What the State Law-Makers are Doing at Raleigh
 A large number of bills are being introduced into the General Assembly. An effort on our part to catalogue even the titles to these bills would be impossible. Below are mentioned a few of State-wide importance:
 By Douglas, of Wake, to regulate the sale of soft drinks containing "dope" of any kind. This bill provoked quite an animated discussion in the house.
 A strict vagrancy bill has been introduced by Mr. Douglas. It provides that all male persons over 16, able to work, and who have not some known means of making an honest living shall be considered vagrants.
 The judiciary committee Monday reported favorably on the resolution that any persons retained or employed for compensation to promote or oppose legislation shall register his name with the Secretary of State, stating the nature of his employment, with a brief description of the particular legislation he is employed to promote or oppose, together with the name of his employer. This bill was passed.

Speaker Justice introduced a bill prohibiting the issuance of transportation to newspapers without cash payment therefor. A fight was made by members of the State press association on this bill and it has been revised considerably, material concessions being made.
 Representative Belton introduced a bill increasing the amount of pensions to \$500,000.
 Mr. Webb has introduced a bill to fix the salaries of certain State officers and providing for assistant attorney general. This bill provides a salary of \$6,000 for the Governor; \$4,000 for the Treasurer; \$4,000 for the Secretary of State; \$3,000 for the attorney general.
 Yesterday the bill prohibiting the sale of whiskey at Morganton passed the house after a spirited contest.
 The Senate yesterday passed a bill introduced by Mason, of Gaston, requiring applicants for license to practice law to satisfy the Supreme Court justices of their good moral character. The bill provides that the court may go behind the statement of two attorneys, that the applicant is of good moral character and investigate the character of the applicant.

LOCAL AFFAIRS

—Rev. J. A. Hoyle will preach at High Shoals Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.
 —Craig & Wilson received two carloads of fine horses yesterday from the West.
 —Saturday night the Gastonia Chapter Daughters of the Confederacy will give an oyster supper in Masonic hall from 5 to 10 o'clock.
 —The Swan-Slater Company has a half-page ad in to-day's issue setting forth the advantages of a great "Clean Sweep Sale" which begins to-morrow.
 —A prominent farmer from the Crowders Creek section in town yesterday stated that there had been more oats planted in that neighborhood this season than ever before.
 —The Southern Securities & Trust Co. has just installed a new interchangeable electric sign at its offices in the Citizens National Bank building.
 —The Philanthropic Literary Society will entertain the Perian Literary Society Monday night in the society hall of the Central graded school.
 —Mr. J. M. Farris, of rural route No. 2, who has just returned from a trip through Lincoln county, speaks in praise of the wheat and oats in that territory. Mr. Farris says that the oats planted with the open furrow drill beat Gaston county oats.
 —At the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning Rev. A. D. P. Gilmour, representative of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., will preach. No special collection will be taken for the cause he represents. Mr. Gilmour is an excellent preacher and all who hear him will doubtless enjoy the discourse.
 —The following from yesterday's Charlotte Observer will be of interest to many Gastonians: "An event that will be of much interest in the social circles of the county will be the marriage of Miss Eulajohn Kirkpatrick and Mr. G. W. Oldham. The wedding, which will be a very quiet affair, will take place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Gussie Kirkpatrick, in Sharon township, to-morrow evening. Miss Kirkpatrick is one of the most charming young women in the county. Mr. Oldham is principal of the graded schools at Huntersville." Miss Kirkpatrick is a cousin of Mr. John Watt Kirkpatrick, of Gastonia, and was formerly a student at Linwood College.

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—Mr. J. T. Wylie, keeper of Oakwood Cemetery, has received a bill of lading for the funeral tent recently purchased through popular subscription. It was shipped the 12th from Toledo, Ohio, and Mr. Wylie expects to have it here and ready for use within two weeks. The tent is 25x25 feet, large enough to cover a lot, and cost \$65.

—Mr. R. F. Coble, formerly of the mills at Bessemer, will next week take charge of the Brown Mill in this city, succeeding Mr. H. H. Hayes. Mr. Coble is a favorite here, and a millman of force and much experience, and his return is a matter of gratification to the community as well as in mill circles. We understand that Mr. Coble will return to Concord at once.—Concord Tribune, 16th.

—Charlie Boyd, aged 14, a son of Mr. J. B. Boyd, was bound over Wednesday afternoon by Mayor Dixon for trial at the next term of Gaston Superior Court on two charges, one for larceny, the other for housebreaking. His bond was \$25 in each case and was given by his father. The offenses with which he is charged were committed at The Gazette office, where he had been employed for a short time.

—Mr. R. W. White had a radiograph made of his left foot by Dr. J. W. Long, of Greensboro, a few days ago. This is a photograph made by means of the x-ray machine and shows plainly a broken bone in the instep of the foot which has been bothering Mr. White for some time. It was broken about four years ago and was injured a fresh two or three weeks ago in an accident at the Holland Mill where Mr. White was engaged in doing some brick work. He expects to return to Greensboro soon to have the foot treated.

—Two bales of cotton were sold on the Gastonia market this morning. The highest price paid was 10 1/4 cents.

General News Items.
 At Buckhead, Cumberland county, Tuesday Henderson Edwards, after striking his wife in the head with a bludgeon, stuck a knife into his throat repeatedly, inflicting wounds which proved fatal.

Sylvester Barrett, a negro, was hanged at Greenville, N. C., Tuesday for the murder of Constable Walter Lovett, of Farmville township. The crime was committed January 20th, 1906.

The survivors of the great artillery battle of Fort Fisher are holding a big reunion there this week. Hundreds of veterans and visitors are in attendance. The storming of Fort Fisher, Confederate stronghold on the Carolina coast near Wilmington, is described as the greatest artillery fight in the world's history.

Ex-Governor Bob Taylor was Tuesday elected by the Tennessee Legislature to succeed the late William B. Bate as United States Senator from that State.

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Notice of Sale of Land for Partition.

NORTH CAROLINA. In the Superior Court. Gaston County. Before the Clerk.

DAN T. CLONIGER, Plaintiff, vs. DAN T. CLONIGER, et al. Defendants.

By virtue of an order in the above entitled action, I will, on Monday, the 18th day of February, 1907, at 12 o'clock a. m., at the Court House door in Dallas, in said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described tract of land, being and being in Gaston County, River Bend Township, adjoining the lands of J. T. Cloniger, V. A. Lineberger, R. Handzell, S. D. Handzell and others, and bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at a Post Oak, S. D. Handzell's and A. L. Abernethy's corner, and runs with Abernethy's line S. 16 E. 56 1/2 poles to the North bank of a branch thence with a stake on South side of branch, near a Poplar and Chestnut stump; thence N. 36 E. 4 poles to two Poplars on North side of branch, thence N. 87 E. 11 poles to stone on the East side of a road; thence S. 3 E. 15 poles to a stake on R. Handzell's line, and on the east side of the branch thence with Handzell's line N. 87 E. 1 1/2 poles to a stake, V. A. Lineberger's corner; thence with his line N. 18 1/2 E. 30 poles to a stake in Stanley's Creek, J. T. Cloniger's corner; thence up the creek as it meanders 60 poles to the mouth of a new channel; thence N. 20 W. 9 1/2 poles to a stone; thence N. 32 W. 48 poles to a stake on Handzell's line, and on the North bank of a branch, thence with said Handzell's line N. 46 W. 8 1/2 poles to the beginning. Containing 59 1/2 Acres more or less.
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