

# The Commonwealth.

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## ABOUT JURY SERVICE.

Not infrequently do we hear some of the best citizens declaring that justice has miscarried and the work of the courts is a failure. Under such circumstances it is easy to criticize our jury system and say it is wrong. To this it may be answered that it is perhaps not so often the fault of the system as of the advantage which is taken of certain privileges. Many of the very best citizens in a county never serve on a jury, while some of the sorry serve often.

This is bad for the jury system itself and furnishes a pretext for criticisms that ought never to be made. Many a good and level-headed citizen asks to be excused from jury service simply because he is unwilling to absent himself from his business a day or two; and so what is really his duty is laid on another.

The News and Observer discussing this subject said a few days ago that in a certain western county in this State there is a wealthy man who has an arrangement that his name shall not be placed in the jury box and that the sheriff shall not summon him on any jury at all. Perhaps that very citizen would be the first man to criticize the verdict of a jury in his county and would say that the jury is composed of a set of "noddleheads." Suppose it is? He has himself to blame more than any one else, because he himself shirked the service by a wicked collusion with those who cared little for the safety of the State.

Say what you may, if every citizen of the county were as willing to sit on the jury as he is to vote, there would be less criticism of verdicts and court proceedings. And as we see it, one is as much a duty to the State as the other. It is the privilege and duty of every good and capable citizen to exercise the right of suffrage by casting his ballot in every election by the people; and so, too, it is the duty of every good citizen to serve the State as a juror whenever called upon to do so unless some real providential hindrance comes in his way.

When judges in our superior courts will see to it that no man is excused unless beyond the shadow a doubt he has a good and lawful excuse, and when boards of county commissioners will carefully scrutinize the acts of all persons who would shirk jury duty or wink at it in others, there will be less ground of complaint, and court proceedings will be more satisfactory and will bear fewer criticisms.

To be manly in every relation of life is the duty of every free citizen, and it is as unmanly to shirk jury duty as any other.

## DIGNITY OF LABOR.

The Enfield Ledger discusses this subject in a most sensible manner. It is really a subject concerning which thousands and thousands have a gross misconception.

Our contemporary discusses the evolution of the cotton crop, for instance, recounting every grade of work from the turning up of the soil with the mule or ox, the cultivation and gathering of the cotton crop to the last stitch taken which completes it into a beautiful garment.

Now, THE COMMONWEALTH asks if there ought to be any less dignity in the plowing of the land than in the selling of the goods across the counter. No, verily. Real, honest labor of one kind is as good and no better than another. No one should spurn any work of honest toil. Only let a man or woman, boy or girl feel and understand that labor is the discharge of duty, whatever it may be, and that should stamp it with all the dignity needed.

Too many silly persons are ashamed of labor of any kind. All honest toil is honorable and should be so treated by every one.

## A SERIOUS MISTAKE.

E. C. DeWitt & Co. is the name of the firm who make the genuine Witch Hazel Salve. DeWitt's is the name of the salve that bears without leaving a scar. It is a serious mistake to use any other. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, burns, bruises, eczema and all skin diseases. Sold by

## YES, THEY ARE THINKING.

In the last issue THE COMMONWEALTH said that people away from Scotland Neck are thinking about the question of freight rates for the town.

Readers of this paper here and elsewhere have had attention directed to this important matter, and the short communication in this issue by "Non-Resident" is quite suggestive.

Let the merchants and business men generally take it up.

## WORTHLESS LABOR.

Now and then some fanatic or fool up North blubbers over about the poor, starvation wages that are paid the negro laborer in the South. To be sure, as far removed as they are from the scene of such transactions there may be a little excuse for their senseless prating; but the man in the South who hires floating labor generally feels that he pays the full value of what he gets.

The truth is, many of the so-called laborers over whom the Northern drivers grieve are not worth the old time price of a boy, "virtuale and clothes."

If you hire a man who was trained as a slave to what labor really is, you stand some chance of getting good work; but hire a man or boy who has slumped along with the tide of chance since 1866 and you stand a chance of getting less than half value for your money.

For instance, a seventeen year-old boy asking the price of a full grown man for a day of field labor expects to commence work at 7 o'clock in the morning and quit at 6 o'clock in the evening and call it a day's work.

The whistle of the factory is a bad influence for the field labor within hearing of it.

The average young negro whom you can hire for a day will not give you the worth of the money you pay him unless you carefully direct his work and keep his time.

Too many hirelings just have their eye on the pay at the end of the day or week, as the case may be; and the dealing that one must necessarily have with these makes it harder for the few who will give an honest day's work.

Very few now-a-days know by experience what was sure enough, sweat-producing labor of the long ago.

When labor gets to be what it used to be times will be better both for laborers and employers.

## DESTRUCTION BY HAIL.

Reports have been published in the papers of a very destructive hail storm about Nashville on last Friday. The report in the News and Observer said in part:

"One of the most disastrous rain, wind and hail storms in several years visited Nashville and surrounding territory yesterday about five o'clock, and for a period of about ten minutes hailstones ranging in size from a partridge egg down, pelted growing crops. Rain fell in torrents and wind of a cyclone nature uprooted trees, demolished houses and destroyed orchards. Within a radius of four miles of this place, especially on the west, south and southeast great havoc has been wrought by the hail. In most instances cotton, corn and tobacco are a total loss, while a few farmers escaped with slight damage.

"Many farmers say the season is too far spent to replant and cultivate another crop and are at a loss as to what course to pursue. Others who were fortunate enough to carry insurance hope to recover a part of their losses.

"Mr. J. O. Capps, one of the most successful farmers in the county, who lives three miles south of this place, totally lost fifty acres of tobacco. Mr. Capps' crop was in excellent condition, and his loss is estimated at three thousand dollars. Other tenants on Mr. Capps' lands also fared a like fate, though not so extensively, suffering a loss of about \$1,000."

Also there was heavy hail at La-Grange on Thursday and at New Bern on Saturday.

## A GOOD SUGGESTION.

MR. EDITOR: Now that your town has graded schools and electric lights, the next thing most needed is cheaper rates. Competition is the only thing that will give it. There are two lines suggested—one to Hill's Ferry to connect with a boat line, the other to a point on Roanoke river opposite Rich Square. It is thought that the S. A. L. Railway would extend its line from Rich Square, which is only four miles from the river, and meet the road from town. If the latter route was built it would give you two boat lines and two railroads and quick transportation.

It is thought that it would pay the merchants in a business way to take steps towards this object.

## NON-RESIDENT.

Model Dyspepsia Cure

## A SERMON ON ADVERTISING.

For This Commonwealth.

If the advantages of all other parts of North Carolina were as well known and had the same amount of advertising that has been given Moore county since the establishment of Southern Pines in 1894, the Tar Heel State would quickly take first rank in many respects. Few in North Carolina realize the great work accomplished by the Seaboard Air Line Railway, Mr. J. T. Patrick and his associates, in bringing to the attention of New Englanders the favorable climatic conditions existing in the Moore county sandhills.

In Moore county there are the following New England towns—all thrifty and progressive: Pinehurst, founded by Jas. W. Tufts of Boston; Southern Pines and Pinebluff, founded by J. T. Patrick; Roeland, founded by S. H. Platt of Springfield, Mass.; Niagara, B. L. Bartlett of Boston; Lakeview, by H. M. Holleman of Boston and P. L. Gardner, formerly with the Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Thousands of pieces of literature, telling of the advantages of Moore county as a health and pleasure resort, are gratuitously distributed throughout New England, and although, until within the past two years, it has been uphill work, it seems that today everybody in New England, not only knows the fame of these New England villages in the sandhill region of North Carolina, but numbers of them intend settling there in the near future. Even last year the hotels and cottages were crowded to their utmost capacity, and although a number of new ones are at present under construction, it is safe to say that the same crowded condition will prevail during the ensuing season.

Statistics just compiled by the railroads show something over 20,000 tickets sold to points in Moore county. Suppose the Old North State had ten counties within her borders that attracted an equal number of tourists, what an influx of money it would bring. Every man, woman and child in Moore county has profited by the coming of these people of the north into their land.

Publicity has been the keynote of success to these places and it affords a brilliant illustration of what may be accomplished by advertising. Although Southern Pines was conceived by a native North Carolinian, he was compelled to bring it to the attention of men with money in the east before his idea could be put into practical operation. Thus New Englanders have furnished the money to build these New England towns, and to them, each year, is returned enormous profits accruing upon the investments in real estate, cottages and hotels.

The northern people, attracted by the wonderful health-giving qualities of the atmosphere in that section, believed that what had been accomplished at Southern Pines could also be accomplished in another spot in the same section. The late Mr. Tufts established Pinehurst, six miles away, building magnificent hotels and commodious cottages, and in one way and another so advertised that New England village that it has now become one of the best paying investments in the South. Pinebluff's success has been aided by letting its light shine before the men of the north and east.

Citizens of North Carolina hardly realize the rapid growth of these Moore county places, and now Niagara and Lakeview have been laid out and development work at both places is being carried on energetically.

A gifted writer once imprisoned an entire volume of truth in the aphorism "Climate is Fate." Having suffered unpeppably from the effects of the horrid and humid climate of New England, expressed the joy of being completely restored to health and vigor in the atmosphere and almost perennial sunshine of the long leaf pine region, she was enabled to write the best books of her lifetime. The idea is worth unfolding. Surrounding climatic conditions exert an inestimable important influence upon the physical and intel-

lectual health of the human family, and as perfect health is clearly essential to the highest enjoyment and the best achievements of life, often shape the fate of the individual, enabling him for many years to heartily, comfortably and usefully pursue his chosen occupation, or enabling and crippling his powers, sending him untimely to the grave.

Life without health, or the hope of it, is hardly worth living. Health and happiness go hand in hand and are not attainable in a high degree, except under favorable natural conditions. New Englanders will recognize the prime importance of climate as a factor in life, and the rigorous climate in which they live, brings it forcibly home to them.

A prominent New England physician recently estimated that, as its favorable climate became better known, North Carolina would attract 100,000 visitors from New England alone.

If the citizens of other parts of North Carolina will only join together and advertise the advantages of their respective localities, they, too, can reap the same benefits as those accruing to the owners of the famous Moore county resorts.

## WINTERVILLE ASTIR.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth.

WINTERVILLE, N. C., June 23, 1903. Jason Joyner, of Farmville, was here yesterday and went away happier because he carried with him and rode in a brand new Hunsucker buggy.

Teachers wishing to engage rooms and board at either of the dormitories here during the Teachers' Institute will write Prof. F. C. Nye, as Prof. Lineberry is away for awhile.

Capt. Bar did not look very pleasing when he found 60 Handy Tobacco Trucks on the platform at the depot awaiting his arrival yesterday afternoon. The shipments were for Gritton and Kinston.

Miss Annie Joyner, of Portsmouth, is spending some time with Miss Bertha Dawson and sisters here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dixon left yesterday morning for Baltimore where both of them will be treated at the hospital. Their many friends wish them a speedy and entire recovery.

Our agents sell more Handy Tobacco Trucks right in sections where other trucks are manufactured than anywhere else. Why? Because it is the best put up truck in North Carolina. We have the proper machinery to make them and we make them right. We are in position to purchase the best material as cheap as others can an inferior article and we use only the best. When you purchase a truck you want something that will last as well as when you purchase a wagon. Remember these facts and think twice before placing your order.

## A. G. COX MFG CO.

Miss Sarah Taylor, our popular milliner, has just returned from LaGrange to the delight of her many, many friends. It is to be hoped, however, that the boys will continue to give the proper attention to their respective businesses, such as the livery, mercantile, mail route, etc.

Who can beat this? J. E. Cooper showed us Saturday a radish measuring 14 inches in length, 7 1/2 in circumference and 3 inches in diameter.

Miss Stella West, from Oxford, who is in the home of F. O. Cox, is assisting him in the office some this week.

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GOLDENROD, N. C., Aug. 25, 1902.

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By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Halifax county in special proceedings, entitled L. W. Bell, executor of Pattle Bell vs Archibald Bell, heir-at-law, I will sell at the highest bidder to cash, at public auction, in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., on Saturday the eleventh day of July, 1903, the following tract of land, to-wit:

That tract of land in Enfield Township, Halifax county, N. C., adjoining the lands of W. W. and J. A. Kitchen, the lands of estate of Levy Cherry and others, the run of Beach swamp, containing 300 acres more or less.

This 8th day of June, 1903.

A. P. KITCHIN, Commissioner.

6-11-03

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**

Having qualified as administrator of E. C. Baker, deceased, late of Halifax county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the first day of June, 1904, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 25th day of May, 1903.

ROSWELL C. BRIDGER, Adm'r.  
5-28-03      Winton, N. C.

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