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MAIL MATTER.

The Wilson Advance is almost

grown, having recently entered

upon its nineteenth year. It

has long been a grown paper in

size and ability, as it is seldom

surpassed by a weekly. May it

live long and prosper every year

of its existence.

Thad Manning of the Hender-

son Gold Leaf is always "in

luck," and well he ought to be.

This time some appreciative

friends have "sized him up" and

donned his graceful form in a

brand new suit of tailor-made

clothes. If laboring earnestly

and unceasingly for a town and

community makes one deserving

that man is Thad Manning.

The bill to amend the charter

of the town of Greenville has

passed its third reading before

the General Assembly and be-

came a law. The principal

change in the plan of the town

is the making of a new ward out

of a portion of the old third

ward. The new ward will take

in the South-western portion

of the town known as Jontown

and will be entitled to one

Councilman. This makes seven

Councilmen from the four wards

of the town, four of which num-

ber will be Democrats and three

Republicans. A Democratic

government is therefore insured

for Greenville after the first

Monday in next May.

Occasionally when soliciting

subscriptions to a paper a man

it. It is the duty of every citi-

zen who loves his country to

take his county paper and help

promote its interests. Now if

there are any in Pitt county

who desire to read the REFLECTOR

and are really unable to pay for

it, come to see us in person and

you shall have the paper. This

article is not intended to re-

proach any man on account of

poverty, for there are those who

are poor from actual necessity,

and rather than see such barred

from the privileges of their coun-

try paper when they desire to

read it and are actually unable

to pay for it, we will send it to

them free of charge.

The county of Lenoir suffered

a loss last week. It was the

time for holding the Superior

Court of that county, and Judge

Shipp, who was to have presid-

ed, was taken sick in Wilming-

ton and could not get to Kinston.

The county incurred an expense

of \$300 or more in getting ready

for a Court that could not be

held. Certainly no blame at-

We announced last week that

the dam from the North end of

the bridge out to the hill would

be built. For a long time the

REFLECTOR has been arguing

that the roadway should be con-

structed so that people might get

over at any time, and has work-

ed to accomplish that end. It is

gratifying to see good results

growing out of these labors and

to know the object hoped for will

soon be attained. Our editorial

two weeks ago stirred some of

the people to action and now the

movement will not cease until

the dam is built. Mr. J. H. Tucker

took the matter in hand and

pushed it forward. He went to

the business men with a list

of which a number of them sub-

scribed in all making about \$100

On the Friday night following

he went before the meeting of

the Town Councilmen and they

agreed to appropriate \$200 as

the town's part of the fund. A

petition was then drawn to take

before the Board of County

Commissioners the next Monday

asking them to appropriate half

enough to do the work, it being

ascertained that the whole

would cost \$600. On that day

it was ascertained that Mr. S.

H. Spain also had a petition

from the people north of the

river looking to the same end.

The petitions were consolidated

and taken before the Board by

Mr. J. H. Tucker and at the

Tuesday session the Commis-

sioners gave them a hearing with

the result as stated in their

proceedings published elsewhere.

Thus the success of the move-

ment is assured and as soon as

all plans are perfected the work

of construction will begin. It

is a cause for general congratu-

lation that the roadway is to be

built, for two reasons. First it

is a step forward to Greenville's

prosperity and will be the means

of bringing many hundreds of

dollars to the town. Second,

because of the great conveni-

ence to the people of the county

who have to pass this most fre-

quented thoroughfare within

our borders. This good done in

this respect will be incalculable,

as the county seat will now be

accessible to every section of the

county with no barrier in the

way. Now let the spirit of

progress be kept up. It is awak-

ened among the business men

and people generally and should

be carried on ward and upward.

The Wilmington Messenger

pays this compliment to a lady

of our section:

"North Carolina has every reason

to be proud of her talented daugh-

ters, scattered over the United

States, heading the list in all

branches of science and art.

Among the medical students at the

Women's Medical College, of Phila-

delphia, Mrs. Lucy B. Thompson,

of Greenville, N. C., has made a

reputation for herself by achieving

the honor of being the best anatomist

in the college, and having been

appointed an assistant demonstrator

of anatomy. This lady is young

and talented. A brilliant future

is before her, and all who know

Mrs. Thompson will feel proud of her

of Pitt, upon the bill to regulate the

legal rate of interest, he was the

recipient of a handsome bouquet of the

American species petals of the ex-

traneous flowery plants of the order

violacea, which were intermingled

with leaves of the rose-creeper, accom-

panying which was a neatly written

note in these words:

"The lady friends of Senator Wil-

liams wish to thank him for his wit-

ty and eloquent speech."

No man upon the floor of the Sen-

ate is the recipient of greater cour-

tesy of more compliments than Sen-

ator Williams, and no more faithful

representative, or more earnest sup-

porter of what he believes to be

right and just can be found than

the Senator from Pitt, who is now

occupying his seat for the fourth

time, we believe."

Pitt county has every reason

to be proud of her able Senator.

Our Raleigh Letter.

News from the State Capital, Proceedings

of Legislature, etc.

Special cor. to REFLECTOR.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 9th, 1893.

The solons have been busy

the week just closed. In the House

six and seven hundred bills

have been introduced, and in the

Senate more than four hundred.

The most of these are of local na-

ture, and about as many rejected as

are adopted. There is no end to

the petitions coming in from all

parts of the State. They are pre-

sented in large quantities every

day, relating to repeal of stock

laws, local option, repeal of pur-

chase tax, requests for convicts for

draining lands, various requests

from farmers' alliances, etc. Owing

to the numerous petitions praying a

repeal of the merchant's purchase tax,

several legislators have expressed

themselves as being in favor of

repealing the law.

A bill postponing sale of land for

taxes by Sheriff, advertised for first

Monday in February, until first

Monday in May, passed both Houses

on Saturday last and was im-

mediately enrolled. I doubt that

half the Sheriffs in the State heard

of it until too late. In the remote

counties it is hardly possible for

information to reach them, con-

sequently the sales went on and

much hard tax money collected.

The penitentiary bill that passed

the House the first of the week will

no doubt pass the Senate and be-

come a law. It is wisely framed and

reflects credit upon its author. It

will stop the old and bad custom

of giving convict labor to railroads,

and corporations. The policy of the

State seems to have been to ac-

cept in bonds, keeping them in

the treasury, and when the railway

or enterprise was completed to re-

turn those bonds. This bill pro-

vides that the State must hereafter

have value received for its convicts,

and its principal merit is to make

the penitentiary almost self-sustain-

ing. Some such legislation was

greatly needed, for the penitentiary

has been for a long time a very

heavy burden to the tax payers of

North Carolina.

The amendments to the school

law which I mentioned last week,

have been passed upon. That part

of the amendments which relates to

the superintendent and his suc-

cessor, was stricken out and the school

law in that particular remains the

same. The legislature did right.

A man may make a good treasurer

and not be a good superintendent

and vice versa. And besides, some

of the best superintendents might

not be able to furnish the required

bond.

This Legislature so far is pursu-

ing a line of rigid economy. On

some points it has been criticised

as being niggardly. A resolution

came up in the Senate the other

day authorizing the Governor to

both pointed and cutting. His

marks fell very flat and not half

the members heard him. But when

he had finished Cooke, of Frank-

lin, with a smiling countenance,

proceeded to reply to what he had

said. His allusions to Amis and

comments upon his political inconst-

ancies put the whole House in laugh-

ter, the Republicans included. Very

soon news reached the Senate that

some fun was going on in the House

and several Senators hurried over

to hear the discussion. Mr. Cooke

reviewed with telling effect the un-

tenable grounds taken by Amis and

continued his witty and pleasing re-

marks for some time to the great en-

joyment of the Democratic side and

at the expense of Amis and those

in sympathy with him. A few oth-

ers said a few words on the resolu-

tion, after which it was tabled by a



