

TIME TO CLEAN UP.

Cleaning up time is here and has been here for some time. The sanitary conditions of this town are not what they should be.

Every person should appoint himself a committee of one to see that everything around his store or residence is perfectly clean, and nothing left to decay.

Cleanliness is next to Godliness. There will be some sickness—the best we can do, but it is certain that sanitary conditions have a great deal to do with the health of the people.

A BELL TELEPHONE TOWN.

The following was published in a recent issue of the Winston-Salem Journal:

"LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN" —A proposition to give Winston-Salem a modern, up-to-date telephone system. Liberal reward for return in usable shape to the board of trade or board of aldermen.

The Bell Telephone Company has a system at Winston-Salem and the citizens of that good city have the experience of all other towns where the Bell has the public in its clutches.

The editor of The Courier will go to the Jamestown Exposition next week as a delegate to the National Editorial Association. The programme will be an interesting one.

The announcement that THE COURIER will take a car of people to Jamestown Exposition has created enthusiasm among hundreds of the friends of The Courier.

The Southern and Western, Thomas F. Ryan's new road which is now being built from Elkhorn City, Ky., into and through Western North Carolina, and to connect with the Carolina Central, a division of the Seaboard Air Line, will do much for Wilmington and will make that city one of the great seaports of the South.

J. R. Godfrey has closed contract with President J. W. Cannon to erect 100 houses for the latter at Kannapolis, where two large new cotton mills are being erected.

The Duty of Tax Assessors.

Tax lists and tax assessors are at work, each has taken an oath that he will obey the law and not only has each taken an oath that he will obey the law but he will also be compelled when their report is made to take a solemn oath, "that we have assessed every tract or parcel of land or other real and personal property at its true value in money and have endeavored to do equal justice to the public and to the tax-payers concerned."

Before entering upon the duties of the office each takes the following oath "do solemnly swear that I will discharge the duties devolving upon me as list-taker (or assessor) according to the laws in force governing said office; so help me God."

Section 14 1-2 of the machinery Act follows:

The intent and purpose of the tax laws of this State is to have all property and subjects of taxation fairly assessed at their true value in money, in such manner as such property and subjects are usually sold, but not by forced sale thereof, and the words "market value" or "true value," whenever in the tax laws, shall be held and deemed to mean what the property and subjects are usually sold.

Commenting on which the Winston-Salem Journal says: If the tax lists and assessors fail to list all property, and a true value according to the above definition, he violates his solemn oath and is punishable under the statutes. And he is not only guilty of violating his oath, but he violated his public trust, he fails in his duty to the public and is amenable before the bar of his conscience.

The tax payer is required to take an oath to return every article of taxable property in his possession at its true value and for a violation of this he is guilty of a misdemeanor. If his property is assessed at a higher rate than he thinks just he has recourse to the board of county commissioners.

We might say in this connection that many list-takers and assessors either forget these solemn oaths they are required by law to take or totally disregard and ignore them.

Some list-takers are so negligent or indifferent that they fail to swear each person as to the actual cash value of his personal property.

Every list-taker is required to swear each person on the Bible, or affirm, where the person has conscientious scruples as to being sworn on the book. This is important and administering the oath in solemn manner should never be omitted, and the oath should be administered in every case before any question is asked as to the value of any article of personal property.

In some townships in this county the list-taker has acquired the habit of not properly swearing each person. In other townships there is a custom of making out the list for each tax-payer and after all the values are fixed then the oath is administered.

Discussing the duties of list-takers the Sanford Express says:

We take it that the men who are acting as tax assessors are willing to do justice to the State and to every man in the county, and we trust that they will be very careful to do so. True patriotism and a sense of right ought to impel every citizen to do the same thing.

The Statesville Landmark in a recent editorial talks sensibly:

An active list-taker can uncover much property and put it on the books, and it is his duty to do so. But it is amazing how many men who are otherwise correct, who bear good reputations, prominent in the community and in the Church, will disregard their oaths when it comes to listing property.

The department of commerce at Washington has decided that the Japanese cannot become citizens of the United States. The truckers of Eastern North Carolina will realize only 50 per cent. of the strawberry crop this year. It is reported that Commissioner of Agriculture, S. L. Patterson, will soon retire on account of his health.

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they do their full duty. We incline to the opinion that more real estate in personal property is under valued, or unequally valued. If this is true it is the fault of the assessors, for the citizen has no say so in the matter. As a rule the assessors want to do what is right but they haven't the nerve to put real estate to its actual value as the law requires. This at least has not heretofore been done in a majority of cases. It is argued that if we in this township increase values, other townships will not and we will pay more than our just proportion of taxes; or if this county increases values others will not, and we will not and we will pay more, etc. In other townships and counties the same argument is made. Another argument is an increased valuation increases taxes, which is true; that the tax rate will not be lowered and the increased taxes which the people will have to pay will be wasted. The answer to this is the only thing to do is to do right and let the future take care of itself. Value property as the law requires. The law is easily understood and it is not so difficult, in these days of active trading in real estate, to find the value of a piece of property. The assessment will be increased and if the increase brings in more taxes than are needed the tax rate can be easily lowered. The people control those who levy taxes and the latter will respond to public demand. It is better as an advertisement, better every way, to have a high valuation and a low tax rate, than a low valuation and a high tax rate.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

A new dormitory will be erected at Clemmons for Clemmons Moravian school.

John Matthis, a negro, was hanged at Clinton Friday last for the murder of his step-father, Tom Merritt. He severed Merritt's head from his body with a single blow with an axe and then burned the house to conceal his crime.

The world's automobile racing record was broken at Beunington, D. C., Thursday last making a hundred miles in two hours, twelve minutes and forty-three seconds. A sixty-horse power machine was used.

Thursday, Union Memorial Day was celebrated at Salisbury. In the morning 11,700 graves of Union soldiers were decorated.

A traveling man from Fox, Greenson county, Va., spreads the news that a nine-days-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Leftwich Brewer, of that place startled the neighborhood by calling relatives by name and following each with an exclamation "Heaven!"

The Peoples' Grocery Co. has been incorporated with \$10,000 capital to do business at High Point.

Lawrence Harrison, a former clerk at the Elwood Hotel at High Point, who has been in Charlotte for several months, has been made manager of High Point hostelry.

Dr. J. W. Petty, of Greensboro, has been appointed veterinary inspector by the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry and assigned to duty at Nashville, Tenn.

The new bridge across the Yadkin River to accommodate the Southern double track has been completed. Double tracking is completed from Greensboro to Thomasville, and from Lake to Spencer.

At Greensboro last Thursday morning Thomas B. F. Bright, of Moore County and Mrs. Laura Bain, of Guilford County, were married by Justice D. H. Collins.

The Guilford Building & Loan Association was organized at High Point Friday night. W. H. Ragan is president and H. A. Millis secretary and treasurer. The company begins with a good patronage.

The Smallpox scare at Spencer was enlivened last week by the refusal of several citizens to be vaccinated. Several arrests were made.

J. W. Rogers, a Jamestown merchant, has sold his property, including two stores and several acres of land to W. G. Ragsdale and will engage in other business as soon as he decides upon a location.

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LIST TAKERS AND ASSESSORS.

Met With Board of County Commissioners at Courthouse Monday—Addressed by Mr. Reddingfield.

The list takers and assessors for the townships in Randolph County met at the courthouse Monday to take the oath of office and receive instructions. In compliance with a request from Chairman Bulla, of the Board of County Commissioners, Mr. E. C. Beddingfield, of the Corporation Commission, was present, and addressed the board.

The list takers and assessors for each township are: CEDAR GROVE—W. S. Gatlin, list taker; W. T. Tant, assessors.

CONCORD—S. M. Lewis, list taker; H. C. Nance, D. G. McMasters, assessors.

TABERNACLE—L. C. Phillips, list taker; J. C. Hoover, H. H. Delk, assessors.

TRINITY—W. N. Elber, list taker; Stanley Redding, J. G. Dorsett, assessors.

NEW MARKET—R. L. White, list taker; R. L. Causey, J. A. Wall, assessors.

BACK CREEK—C. L. Robbins, list taker; W. H. Redding, B. F. Bulla, assessors.

ASHEBORO—M. W. Parrish, list taker; R. R. Ross, S. E. Lowdermilk, assessors.

FRANKLINSVILLE—D. M. Weatherly, list taker; R. W. Jordan, E. L. York, assessors.

COLUMBIA—Y. M. C. Johnson, list taker; G. R. Williams, R. W. York, assessors.

LIBERTY—H. C. Causey, list taker; W. P. Fox, C. R. Curtis, assessors.

PROVIDENCE—W. R. Julian, list taker; P. A. Routh, J. M. Hinshaw, assessors.

RANDLEMAN—Frank Prevo, list taker; J. T. Bostick, N. T. Groce, assessors.

NEW HOPE—Arlendo Hill, list taker; Jno. N. Kearns, C. C. Shaw, assessors.

UNION—A. S. Callicott, list taker; D. A. Sikes, Lee Parks, assessors.

RICHLAND—E. F. Cagle, list taker; M. J. Preanell, T. W. Lawrence, assessors.

BROWER—E. B. Leach, list taker; J. E. Albright, L. O. Sugg, assessors.

PLEASANT GROVE—J. P. Phillips, list taker; H. B. Lambeth, B. M. Caveness, assessors.

COLERIDGE—W. R. Craven, list taker; Thos. Graves, L. E. Brady, assessors.

GRANT—S. S. Cox, list taker; A. S. Pugh, K. L. Winningham, assessors.

Mr. Reddingfield spoke in the court room for two hours. He went into many details defending the duties of the boards, and cleared up many matters about which they were in doubt.

He declared their position to be unpopular and without thanks, but one important to both county and State. He urged them to do their duty, no matter who they offended, but be careful to conduct their investigations in such a manner as to avoid unpleasantness if possible.

The State has provided that tax-payers who think the assessors have overestimated the value of their property, may appeal to the board of county commissioners and still higher to the corporation commission, in an effort to straighten out such matters, hence as the action of the assessors is not necessarily final, they should not fail to assess property at its full value. The assessors appointed by the board are, however, better qualified than any one else to fix the value, as they are familiar with the location and condition of the property.

He declared the purpose of the State, not to be to oppress the people, but to collect the taxes in equity. If there is a doubt about the value of the property the taxpayer should be given the benefit of the doubt.

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CANNON AT GUILFORD.

Large Crowds Heard Speaker of the House at Commencement Last Wednesday.

Guilford College Commencement was especially notable last week by the presence of Jos. G. Cannon, Speaker of the house of representatives. Large crowds were in attendance from every part of the State. After the address of Prof. Venable, president of the University, President Hobbs introduced Mr. Cannon who spoke at length.

He can not be characterized as a typical orator. There was no attempt whatever at oratorical flights, the address being in a plain but earnest manner. To see him and hear him speak it is easy to understand how he has such an immeasurable influence on the floors of the House. His whole being is thrown into his remarks. The speaker took any position on the stage that best suited him. At times he would be seen leaning over the desk. Then again out in the middle of the rostrum on his tip-toes, wringing his hands and jerking his head vigorously, at other times his feet struck the floor in such a manner as to lead some to remark that he would make a fine dancer.

After paying flattering compliments to the school; to the state of his birth, he confined himself to the discussion of the progress of the South since the Civil War.

The speaker contrasted the condition which prevailed in the North and South prior to the Civil War, citing the many advantages the North had over the South.

He gave some very interesting statistics, showing the growth of the South for five years between 1900 and 1905.

In the five years North Carolina's manufactured products increased one hundred and forty million, five thousand dollars. This he declared was the result of the efforts to labor co-operating with capital.

The increase in the United States during the period referred to was 50 per cent., in the South alone 52 per cent., and in North Carolina 57 per cent.

"In 1905 the two Carolinas and Georgia manufactured a little more cotton than they produced, and in thus using it you cause! an advance in the price of the staple."

In reply to the charge often made that the world was growing too rich the speaker said that he had good authority for the statement that if all of the wealth of all the world was converted into the mere subsistence of life that it would last only three years.

Turning to the young men and young ladies who a short time before had received their diplomas the speaker urged them to be practicable and develop their minds to the fullest extent.

In conclusion the speaker said "let your motto always be, 'Go Forward.'" There was hearty applause when the speaker concluded.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Bank of Ramseur, At Ramseur, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business May 18th, 1907.

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts 7,346.72 Overdrafts 1.23 Banking houses, furniture, fixtures 3,962.2 Demand loans 11,300.00 Due from Bank and Bankers 47,134.54 Cash items 781.04 Gold coin 110.00 Silver coin, including all minor coin 306.25 currency 119.00 National bank notes and other U. S. notes 2,166.00 Total 73,005.98

LIABILITIES. Capital stock 12,000.00 Undivided profits, less without expenses and taxes paid 101.86 (minus) 41,738 101.86 Deposits subject to check 25,551.50 Demand Certificates of Deposit 7,940.23 Cashier's Checks outstanding 168.29 Total 44,158.22 State of North Carolina, County of Randolph, ss: R. L. Smith, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. R. L. SMITH, Cashier.

Correct—Attest: I. F. CRAVEN, H. B. CARTER, Directors. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of May, 1907. I. F. CRAVEN, Notary Public.

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