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BIG GAIN IN TAXABLE VALUES.

Report of County Assessor Shows Who Pays the Taxes—Midway Makes Largest Gain.

The report of Mr. S. Lee Owen, county tax assessor, contains many interesting features. Incidentally it settles for all time the question of 'Who's Who' in Davidson county when it comes to tax-paying.

All of the townships made good gains, the percentage of gains running from about 5 per cent for Yadkin College to 50 per cent for Midway and Abbott's Creek.

Lexington township made a mighty fine showing and Thomasville a most disappointing one. The Chair City is a much better town than the assessor's returns would indicate.

Lexington's gain is \$690,811. Thomasville gains \$300,500, leaving Lexington in the lead by \$600,311.

It will be recalled that several months ago High Point had an almost uncontrolable desire to become a county seat and to turn High Point township into a county.

Abbotts Creek township has made a large gain over 1910. It shows 193 white polls and 13 colored.

Emmons township's land values increased from \$3.50 to \$5.50 per acre. The total value for the township is \$128,115.

Hampton township shows an increase in land values from \$2.85 to \$4.40. The total is \$167,926, as against \$132,277 in 1910.

THE ROAD IMPROVEMENT TRAIN. GETTING READY FOR THE FAIR.

More Facts About the Good Road Train Which Will Reach Lexington Thursday July 27th.

The citizens of this section will be given a fine opportunity to learn about the importance of good roads and the best methods of building and keeping them in repair.

The train consists of lecture and demonstration coaches equipped with a stereopticon, exhibits and working models, and is accompanied by Messrs. L. E. Boykin and H. S. Fairbanks.

It is the object of the 'Road Improvement Train' to not only stimulate interest in the good roads movement but to give practical instruction in the building of roads and their repair.

The Southern Railway is an ardent good roads advocate and realizing the vast economic importance of a system of improved highways to the people of the south, made it possible to have this 'Good roads school on wheels' visit all the territory served by the Southern Railway and allied lines in order that the people might have the opportunity to receive the information as to the improvement of roads which it affords.

The Southern Railway, at great expense, is handling this train without charge to the government or the people and all the lectures and demonstrations are free.

The working models will be shown in actual operation, the motive power being furnished by a gasoline engine installed for the purpose, and with these the experts are enabled to explain what materials make the best roads and how they are made and repaired at the smallest necessary cost.

The 'Road Improvement Train' will be on the road continuously all the summer and fall completing an extensive tour over the whole south at Richmond, Va., at a good roads convention to be held there in October.

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A SQUABBLE IN THE CAMP.

Senator Simmons and Chairman Eller Out for Gore—Mr. Maxwell Comes to Simmons' Aid.

The biggest row in the democratic camp is now on. In many moons there has been no such a split between men of such prominence.

Chairman Eller, who, by the way, is a violent partisan of Governor Kitchin, immediately gave out an interview in which he denied making any such statement saying that the statement referred to was not read by him or authorized by him.

This attempt on his part to shirk the blame for the statement ended disastrously and he stands in a very bad light before the people of North Carolina.

The sugar trust may be faulty and the Standard Oil not all that could be desired, but they don't consume any more than their fair share of the profits.

Neither have the doctors raised their prices, and there are persons who will minister to the sick and poor without money and without price.

It is a notable bit of irony in the card in the statement that the new tariff law is the statement that the democratic house assembled, elected squarely upon an issue of tariff reform, found that the balance of this tariff plank, pledging the people relief from exactions of tariff protection and trust-owned manufactures, had accepted as their pet measure the trade agreement originated and fathered by a republican president and championed by the leading protection high priests of the country.

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IN AND ABOUT LEXINGTON.

Personal Mention—Movements of the People—Small Items of Interest.

Mrs. W. M. Jordan is in the city visiting Mrs. T. E. McCrary.

Mrs. S. O. Hege left for Washington yesterday where she will take a job on the city's street car system.

Mr. J. B. Smith and son, who have been attending the pharmaceutical convention at Morehead City returned home today.

Miss Lala Tussey, of St. Louis, Mo., is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Tussey. She will spend several weeks in the city visiting friends and relatives.

Messrs. J. B. Hayward, W. F. Thomson and L. F. Barr went to St. Louis, Mo., Monday to buy a car load of horses. They expect to return to the city next Tuesday.

Capt. C. W. Trice, who has been ill for several days, is improving rapidly. His many friends will be glad to know that he will be able to resume work in a few days.

Mrs. W. H. Mendenhall and daughter, Miss Dorothy, Miss Edith Greer, Mrs. Wade H. Phillips and others who were at Morehead City during the Third Regiment encampment, returned home Monday.

The people of Lexington will regret to learn that Mr. Glenn Smith is seriously ill. His father, who has been at Morehead City for a week, was telegraphed for yesterday. His condition is considered critical.

PREACHER "DAMNS" MILK AND ICE TRUSTS.

New York Dispatch 14th: The Rev. L. S. Osborne, pastor of the Trinity Episcopal church of Newark, N. J., whose congregation is composed of many of the wealthiest and most fashionable families in that city, wrote this letter to a Newark newspaper:

"I have been taught that 'damna' is a good Scriptural word; not, however to be used unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, discreetly and advisedly, soberly and in the fear of God, like matrimony or a blue pill; and so I say advisedly and soberly: 'Damn the ice trust and the milk trust, damn the sugar trust and the Standard Oil not all that could be desired, but they don't consume any more than their fair share of the profits.'"

"Neither have the doctors raised their prices, and there are persons who will minister to the sick and poor without money and without price. 'So here's \$10 more for your ice fund direct, and to help alleviate the poverty of the indigent milkman and impudacious ice man.'"

"I hope they'll repent in time to escape that place where they'd give their mortal souls for a drink of iced milk."

"Yours truly, 'L. S. OSBORNE. 'Rector Trinity Episcopal Church.' Mr. Osborne is regarded as one of the leading Episcopal clergymen in New Jersey. His letter in the Newark paper has created no end of comment.

Big Still Seized But Operator Makes His Getaway. Durham dispatch, 14th: Revenue Officers K. W. Merritt and J. B. Jordan have been unable to locate the owner of a big still which they captured Wednesday and the warrant had not been served. They were in Lebanon township that day and ran across a big still that had been spotted Sunday before and the officers were prepared to swoop down upon it.

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A fast mail train on the New York Central road, a few days ago, drawing seven all steel mail cars and two Pullmans, ran three miles in one minute and 51 seconds.

WARE-KRAMER COMPANY GETS JUDGMENT.

A Raleigh Dispatch dated Thursday says: Judgment against the American Tobacco Company for \$70,000 and costs was signed by Judge Crum in the federal court following the jury verdict for \$20,000, which means \$50,000 under the provision of the anti-trust act which gives treble damage.

The plaintiffs claim that the Ware-Kramer Company, which is in debt \$70,000, and that all the \$50,000 verdict will go to the creditors leaving nothing for the Ware-Kramer stockholders. However, they have decided not to ask for a new trial.

To Beautify Cedar Lodge. The High Point correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says: Mr. June Johnson, city engineer, is engaged in surveying and plotting out the county estate of Mr. F. N. Flier, the wealthy chewing gum manufacturer, at Thomasville. Mr. Flier will employ a prominent landscape gardener to make this one of the prettiest estates in this part of the south.

The entertainment that was to have been given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hankins last Thursday night for the benefit of the building fund of the First Baptist church, was postponed on account of rain. The entertainment will be given tomorrow night, beginning at eight o'clock, in the Sunday school rooms of the church. Owing to sickness in the family, it will not be given at the Hankins home as planned.

A silver offering will be taken at the door and everybody will find a warm welcome. The program as published in The Dispatch last week will be rendered and every number on it will be very pleasing.

Up to the present time \$3,000,000 has been spent on the great cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. It will take probably \$10,000,000 more to finish it. The dimensions indicated will make St. John's in size the fourth church of the world, St. Peter's at Rome and the cathedrals of Seville and Milan alone exceeding it.

Re-Union at Churchland. There is to be a big re-union of the old students of Churchland High School on the school grounds Saturday, August 12th. An elaborate program has been prepared and many old students who have made their mark in the higher institutions of learning will be on hand to take a part in the exercises.

Concerning state high schools. Superintendent Vann writes as follows: For the information of our citizens of this county I am writing to quote some of the law in regard to students attending county high schools. The law says: 'To permit all school children of school age who are prepared to enter such high school, and all public school teachers of said county desiring high school instruction to attend such school free.' This means that any boy or girl in Davidson county of school age, and who can successfully pass the examination in the course of work prescribed in the seventh grade of our public school course, and all public school teachers of this county can attend a public high school in this county free of tuition.

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TO EXAMINE ON THEORY AND PRACTICE.

Superintendent Vann makes it plain in the following as to why he cannot grant a certificate to certain would-be teachers.

The ruling of the state superintendent and the state board of education forbid a county superintendent to issue a certificate unless the applicant has done the work required in the county teachers' association. If the applicant for a certificate either by examination or by renewal, has failed to carefully read and study the following books: Ritchie's Primer of Sanitation, Jean Mitchell's School, How to Study and Teaching a District School, he cannot stand the examination on Theory and Practice of Teaching. The state board makes out the questions for examination, and the entire examination on Theory and Practice was taken from these books.

These books may be had by writing to Alfred Williams and Co., Raleigh, N. C. It was agreed in the teachers' association, and the matter was discussed at different times last winter, that a teacher would carefully read each of these books and at his leisure in his home, write an essay of not less than five pages on each of these books, studied in the association, and named above, and send in these essays, they would be accepted in the place of the examination on Theory and Practice.

So all teachers wanting certificates renewed, or granted by standing the examination, may take either course, send in these essays before the certificate is in force, or prepare for the examination on the books named above. The books have been discussed time and time again in the meetings, and in The Dispatch. Superintendent Vann says that the school committee members appointed by the board at the July meeting have all been notified of their appointment. A card was enclosed and prepared for a large number of those appointed have already replied. It is very important that all reply just as soon as possible. If you have been appointed let Mr. Vann hear favorably from you at once. It is time to get things in shape as soon as possible and prepare for the best year's work in each school in the county.

The Lutheran General Synod, in adjourning its biennial session in Washington, voted to create an official newspaper, after the manner of the 'Advocate' in the Methodist church. Radical changes were made in the foundation of the Synod publication board, bringing that board into harmony with other Synod agencies, and almost the same thing was done with the district mission boards, to bring them into closer relations with the general mission boards, home and foreign.

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