

OVER THREE MILLION MORE

VALUATION IS NOW \$22,736,295

Compilation of Taxable Property Returned From County Completed Yesterday and Books Prepared For Inspection of the County Commissioners—Two Negroes Return Income Tax of \$500 and \$300, Respectively—Total of \$227,408.46 Derived in Taxation From County's Property—Increase in Valuation \$396,000—Miscellaneous Figures Gleaned From the Official Records.

After weeks of computation following months of compilation the tax listers of the county yesterday completed the work of ascertaining the total taxable valuation of all the property in Mecklenburg county, the books being then in shape to be reported to the county commissioners. The final result shows a total taxable valuation of \$22,736,295, an increase of \$396,000 over the total for last year, which was \$22,340,295. Of this aggregate \$18,018,725 is the total value of real and personal property. The sum total of \$19,032 totals the aggregate of incomes returned for taxation, the highest being \$9,000. Only two of these in the entire county are returned by negroes, amounting to \$500. One is for \$500 and the other \$300.

Mecklenburg's personal property is valued \$6,070,752. By classification the schedule reads: 3,673 horses, at \$29,058; 4,896 mules, at \$230,212; 21 jacks, at \$1,180; 131 goats, at \$127; 9,771 cows at \$136,862; 7,571 hogs, at \$30,447; 503 sheep at \$584; 230 bicycles at \$2,300; farming utensils, \$49,174; mechanics' tools, \$12,221; household and kitchen furniture \$595,553; provisions, \$30,226; firearms, \$7,808; scientific instruments, \$7,222; cash, \$298,829; solvent credits, \$1,472,732; stocks, \$24,300; cotton on hand, \$7,366; musical instruments, \$68,644; silverware, \$15,782; jewelry, \$47,655; merchandise, \$1,188,721; private banks, \$600; all other personal property, \$1,613,868.

A total of \$227,499.48 in taxation for all purposes is derived by the county and State of this amount the State helps itself to \$18,245.93; the county \$5,952.55; the schools at \$41,086.03; the convict system gets \$45,588.42; and the roads \$22,736.48.

Following is the summary of property returns from the three districts of the county, the names of the townships composing each being given in each instance, the total being for the district:

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT NO. 2. White polls, 3,210; acres of land, 15,744, valued at \$843,400; town lots, 22,242, valued at \$8,048,630; total real estate, \$8,892,030; total personal property, \$4,367,193; real and personal, \$13,259,223; income \$1,071,822; railroads, \$1,133,577; bank stocks, \$1,087,079; building and loan, \$231,397; (one to report); corporate excess, \$833,124.

Colored polls, 990; acres of land, 645, valued at \$11,090; town lots, 922, valued at \$358,920; total \$374,010, for real estate; total personal property, \$72,760.

DISTRICT NO. 3. Berryhill, Steele Creek, Sharon, Providence, Clear Creek, Morning Star and Pineville. White polls, 1,052; acres of land, 142,645, valued at \$1,241,355; town lots, 194, valued at \$73,113; total valuation of real property, \$1,314,468; total of real and personal property, \$2,289,338; income \$178,875; bank stock, \$12,928; corporate excess, \$1,200.

Colored polls, 672; acres of land, 2,899, valued at \$27,632; town lots, 21, valued at \$1,307; total, \$29,032. Total personal property, \$52,484; real and personal, \$81,447.

Total valuation in district, \$2,509,241. DISTRICT NO. 1. Crab Orchard, Mallard Creek, Deweese, Lemley, Long Creek, Paw Creek, Huntersville, White polls, 1,586; acres of land, 146,893, valued at \$1,189,128; town lots, 385; valued at \$316,650. Total of real estate \$1,505,778; personal property \$887,848; total of real and personal property, \$2,393,626; income \$178,875; bank stock, \$12,928; corporate excess, \$1,200.

Colored polls, 632; acres of land, 4,322, valued at \$29,242; town lots, 23, valued at \$4,445; personal property \$69,399; total real and personal, \$192,113. Total for district, \$2,595,456.

The foregoing statistics have been counted, recounted, balanced and rebalanced in all the thousands of detailed statements by articles and by townships. The final book of work was done yesterday. At least two hundred of these craved permission to make their returns yesterday. The variety of excuses given for delinquency in the performance of their civic duty far surpassed those given by the immortals of the tribe who were, once upon a time, invited to a wedding feast.

In practically every case the spirit of the commissioners was gracious and the permission was given to register their names and their property with Mr. Floyd Gresham in the upper chamber of the court house. Not a particle of ordinary routine business was touched by the commissioners, so engaged were they in this special work. Another meeting will be held this morning, convening at 10 o'clock. The agitation for a new jail will come up for consideration to-day also. It is believed probable that a committee will be appointed to investigate the advisability of such a step and to look into the matter of a site, should its report be favorable.

Entertainment Friday Night. The ladies of Sardis A. R. P. church are preparing to give an entertainment in the academy Friday night. One of the features will be an old-fashioned spelling match between the more sedate of the crowd. The young people will also participate in the programme, which will be of pleasing variety. Refreshments will be served.

Shooting Horses Some. Mr. William H. Young has been running a blacksmith shop at 19 North College street since the 1st of September, 1908, and is proud of the fact that he has shod 129,952 hooves and made 100,000 wheels in eight years. His best year was 1906 when he shod 20,307.

FOR THE NEW STUDENTS.

Everything Being Done at Presbyterian College to Make Newcomers Feel at Home—Gamma Sigma Entertainment.

The old students of the Presbyterian College are exerting themselves to the utmost to give the newcomers a warm welcome. It is the consensus of opinion of all those connected with the institution that never before has there been such unanimity of effort on the part of former students to make the new ones feel at home. This movement is, of course, fostered by the college authorities and the two literary societies as well as the College T. W. C. A. The first of these entertainments was given last Saturday night from 8 to 10 by the Gamma Sigma Literary Society in honor of the Pieterian Society and the new students. It was children's party and all of the young ladies were dressed accordingly. Games such as "Drop the Handkerchief" and "Feathers" were played. Miss Blair, the new expression teacher, delighted the "little ones" with her reading of such selections as "Daisy Practices," "Diddy and Dumps" and a "Negro Lullaby." Other recitations were given by Misses Mary Wilson, Alice Gordon, Lucille Duggett, Margaret Reese, Elizabeth Chambers and Sue McKeown. Stories were told by Mrs. Todd and music was furnished by Miss Ellen Jamison. Delightful refreshments of animal crackers, fruit, peanuts, popcorn and fudge were then served. The "infants" departed wishing their hostesses many happy returns. Other entertainments of like nature are expected this week.

DECORATIONS ARE LOVELY.

Tryon Street Methodist Church Presents New Appearance Inside. The interior decoration of Tryon Street Methodist church is now complete.

An Observer representative had a look yesterday at the work, which is beautifully and tastefully done. The building has been retouched and made most attractive. The ceiling is in panels of light cream with mosaic ornaments of gold, carried out in Gothic tracery to conform with the architecture. The walls were treated in the same style, the sides being in rose with darker traceries, making a two-tone effect. The ornament of old gold, used in the big arch and dome in fresco, over the organ, with Corinthian columns and capitals, makes a most pleasing harmony of color.

Over the rear gallery is a larger than life size mural painting of "Christ and the Samaritan Woman at the Well." This is a creditable piece of work—a copy of one of Hoffmann's most famous paintings—and the technique of the same school, is very impressive. This picture is considered very clever and a faithful conception of the Savior. It adds much to the looks of the church. The woodwork is old ivory and blends beautifully with the frescoed walls. The committee, composed of Messrs. E. H. Anderson, chairman, Dr. H. B. Heath, J. A. Smith, W. Hagood, worked in conjunction with the pastor, Rev. H. K. Boyer, in having this work completed. The frescoing was done by the Ruben Hink Company, of Winston-Salem.

FUNERAL OF MR. NEAL.

Conducted at Late Residence Yesterday at 1 O'clock by Rev. J. A. Smith.

The funeral services over the remains of Mr. John J. Neal were held yesterday at the late residence, being conducted by Rev. J. A. Smith, assisted by Revs. L. R. Pruett and William Duncan. The exercises were largely attended by the many friends and acquaintances of the deceased. The remains were taken to Sardis church, of which he was a former member. Besides his wife and one brother, Mr. H. H. Neal, the children surviving are: following-named—children, survive: Robert, Whit, Thomas, John, Clifford, Mrs. B. N. Griffith and Misses Mary and Annie Neal.

An autopsy was held yesterday morning on the body of a number of the city's physicians being present. The cause of Mr. Neal's death was pronounced by some as poison, a disease originating from eating musty corn and very common in Spain, Portugal and Italy. It is the disease which Dr. Babcock, of Columbia, S. C., investigated recently when he went abroad with Senator Tillman. None of the physicians of this city had ever seen a case of it before, but it was generally conceded by those who saw the deceased that he was a sufferer from this trouble. His symptoms and the autopsical examination were in the main confirmatory of this diagnosis.

DR. ALEXANDER RETURNS.

President of State Farmers' Union Returns From National Convention.

Dr. H. Q. Alexander, of Providence, returned to the city yesterday from Fort Worth, Tex., where he attended the national convention of the Farmers' Union. This body transacted some important business during its deliberations, but this is all that can be said. Being a secret organization, news items even of national interest sometimes are hidden from the press. The union fixed upon a minimum price for cotton during the convention, but what this price is remains only for the members to know.

Dr. Alexander was not particularly impressed with the character of the crops in the West. He declares that Mecklenburg county has soil that is much better than some upon which he saw cotton growing. He was struck, however, with the uniformity of the fields and growing crops. Dr. Alexander reports that the strength of the organization in which he is so much interested is increasing, and is strikingly showing itself in the number of warehouses which the farmers are erecting over the South by means of which they hope to market cotton after their own ideas.

Prohibition Address To-morrow Night.

Mr. Aaron S. Watkins, of Ohio, candidate for Vice President of the United States on the Prohibition ticket, will deliver an address on prohibition at the court house to-morrow night at 8:30 o'clock. Mr. Watkins is vice president of the Ohio Northern University and professor here of literature and philology. He is an ordained Methodist minister, a lawyer and a public speaker of pleasing address and fine ability. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to hear him.

Dr. Fisher Resigns.

Growing out of the fact that he was nominated last Saturday by the Republicans as a candidate for the Legislature, the resignation of Dr. Adam Fisher, as city food and milk inspector was yesterday handed to the health authorities and Mayor Franklin. Dr. Fisher has done valuable service for the city and the officials may have to look long before they find his equal for efficient and conscientious work.

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THEY DO NOT WANT TO PAY.

Meeting of Property Owners Called to Consider Ways and Means of Escaping Obligation to Pay Pro Rata Cost of Street Improvements.

A meeting which promises to be a rare, rich and racy affair will be held in the office of Mr. E. Wittkowsky, No. 7 West Fifth street, this evening at 8 o'clock. The purpose of the gathering is to discuss ways and means of evading the law, or perhaps it should be said of testing the constitutionality of the law, which requires all owners of property to pay their pro rata cost of the street improvements recently completed by the city. Mr. Wittkowsky, who is taking the initiative in the movement, mailed out yesterday letters to all property owners concerned, a copy of which follows:

Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 7th, 1908. My Dear Sir: As owner of property abutting the street recently paved by the city without your consent and for which, no doubt, you, like myself, have received a bill, I respectfully ask you to meet me and others in like predicament at my office, No. 7 West Fifth street, on Tuesday, the 8th, at 8 p. m., to talk over the admissibility of testing the constitutionality of the law endeavoring to make 8th, at 8 p. m., to talk over the admissibility of the public highway, open not only to the citizens of Charlotte, but to all the world.

Very truly yours, S. WITTKOWSKY.

OPENING OF ELIZABETH.

Charlotte Institution to Throw Open Its Doors September 16th—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer May Come.

The opening of Elizabeth College will take place Wednesday, September 16th. At this time students, old and new, will be expected to matriculate and an assignment of classes and a designation of rooms, etc., will follow. The formal opening exercises, however, will not take place until Thursday the 17th. An effort is now being made to have Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, of Atlanta, Ga., here to make the opening address. Mr. Schaeffer was formerly connected with the college and is highly esteemed by the students and faculty. President C. B. King states that he expects to have as many students as the college can take care of.

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