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A LAWYER'S OPINION OF for debt. But whether it is un- IMPOSING ON NEWSPAPERS THE NEW TAX LAW.

Sampson Democrat.

Mr. EDITOR: I have received number of letters asking about the law making it an indictable offense not to pay the taxes. With your permission I will answer decides it unconstitutional. I say through your paper these enqui- this because indictments cost

the people ought to understand it. if you have any property. It is important for the people to know exactly what day they will be liable to indictment if they have not paid their taxes. The better obey it and escape cost and laws of 1897, page 261, section 35, trouble. Some one man ought to says: "All taxes shall be due on test it, but not all the tax payers. the first Monday in September in each year." This law means taxes ter, Mrs. Editor, so the people may listed in June are due the first understand it. Monday in September. But when we read section 36 of the same law on the same page, 261, we find it says the Sheriff or his deputy shall remain in his office during the months of September and November for the purpose of recoiving taxes. He shall also, during the month of October, attend at least one day in each township for the purpose of receiving taxes. Now we see plainly, the man who has liable to indictment.

for in Schedules A., B., and C., and shall fail to pay the same as provided by law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or imprisoned not exceeding six months."

Let us notice the words again, "shall fail to pay the same as provided by law."

law" that these taxes shall be paid? The answer is plain, September, October and November.

The man who has not paid his taxes on the first day of December, 1897, is liable to be indicted. Now let us look at the law again for a moment and see if he will be indicted. Section 52 of the same law, page 245, says: "That it shall be and it is hereby made the auty of the Sheriff of each county in the State to make dilligent inquiry and to report to the Judge at share alike. The sooner the each term of the Criminal Court leaders and pursue the path to held in the county following the taxes provided for in Schedules A., B., and C., of this act, should have been paid, as to whether or not such license taxes, and other taxes have been paid by all persons or corporations liable for the same and to make out a list of all delinquents. And it shall be made the duty of the Judge to submit the list of the delinquents to the Solicitor, to the end that such delinquents may be prosecuted,

Let us notice well the words of this section; they say the Sheriff 'shall' make out the list and hand to the Judge; and the words say again, the Judge "shall" submit the list to the Solicitor "to the end that such delinquents may be

prosecuted." The duty of the Sheriff, the Judge and the Solicitor, is plain in this law, and they will have to perform their duties.

Our first court after the first day of December, is in February, I

Now a great many people think if they have paid their taxes before Court in February they are safe. This is not so-a man who has not paid his taxes on the first day of December will be indicted -he must be because this is the law; of course, if he had paid his taxes in December or January the Good accommodations for the Judge will hardly punish him. Judge will hardly punish him.

But all the same he must be indicated, for thus the law is written.

Now, as to whether the Sheriff, the Judge, and the Solicitor are Store. going to carry this law out or not, I can not tell. Many geod law- Wanted-An Idea of some sin yers believe the law unconstitu- Protect your ideas; they may bring write JOHN WEDDERBURN & CO.

constitutional or not the best way

for the people to do is to get the money and pay the taxes before the first day of December, 1897, and before the first of December every year hereafter, until the law is repealed or the Supreme Court time and money and the taxes This is an important law and must be paid eventually, anyway,

This was an unwise law and ought not to have been passed, but while it lasts the people had

I have tried to write a plain let-Respectfully,

E. W. KERR.

No Time to Be Lost.

Brunswick Gazette.

The thing for our worthy colored citizens to do is to put themselves in aggressive array upon the side of the whites, who have resolved that, come what may this crime shall cease. They must not only not paid his taxes on the last day discountenance the crime but they of November is a delinqueni, and should work to prevent it, or to punish it when it has been com-Let us look now for a moment mitted. The colored preachers and to the law that makes it an indict. colored teachers can if they will, able offense, and we will see that do much to check this growing it says: "That such persons or evil. We appeal to them for help corporations who are liable to pay not only for our sakes but for the license tax or taxes provided theirs. If they will not come to our assistance, what better proof of this Act and the Machinery Act | shall we need that all the money we spend fur negro education utterly wasted ?-Richmond Dis-

patch. Dispatch of the 20th is the closing paragraph of a most timely and thoughtful editorial under the caption, "Dangerous So. cial Condition," that should be read and made the basis of action Now, when it is "provided by by all worthy and intelligent colored people who have the good of their race at heart. They should long since have seen for them. selves, without being told that it is plainly their duty to exert every influence within their power to sappress a crime that if persisted in must and will inevstably lead to results that all good men can but deplore. and which will prove of incalculable injury to the colored race an injury whitch all-the meritorious and worthless-must which duty points with respect to time when the license tax and the crime of criminal assault, the better in will be. There is notime to be lost. The relations between the races are now strained to the highest tensior.—in some localities even to the point of

Lower Telegraph Rates.

require the railroads of the State to pay an increased tax, and the telegraph companies to send messages at a reduced rate. The Commission increased the valuation of railroad property in North Carolina \$3,000,000 over the assessed valuation in 1896, and the railroad companies will therefere be required to pay taxes on a greatly increased return. In the matter of cheaper telegraph service the commission placed the rate for a message of ten words or less at 15 cents. cents. Where a message is sent sity." over two lines within the state, the rate was fixed at 30 cents.

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Some of the Things They Have to Suffer and Endure. Wilmington Star.

The Charleston News and Con rier, a few days ago, contained an editorial calling attention to and protesting against the imposition practiced upon newspapers in that State in the matter of gratuitous advertising.

This is done in forms too nnmerous to mention and to an ex tent that imposes an unreasonable onerous burden on the newspapers, a burden that not only immensly reduces their income but adds largely to their expenses, for which they receive no equivalent what ever. The News and Courier, as an illustration, mentions the case of one educational institution which sent a little advertisement, amounting to \$3, with gratuitous matter enough to amount to ten times that if a reasonable charge was made for it, all of which was expected to be published without any compensation whatever.

Commenting upon the article in the News and Courier, the Columbia State, one of the suffering victims, emphasizes the protest against the abuses complained of, some of which it groups as fol-

"An institution or organization -college, school, library, military company, anything !- proposes to raise funds for itself. It engages a lecturer, theatrical troupe, anything !- and the profits of the performance are to be divided. The newspapers are loaded with advance notices, they drum up the the concern for which the benefit were a boy. is given gets its share, the owner of the hall or theatre, the musicians, the printer of the programmes, get balf price at least. But the newspapers whose space has been used so freely and whose aid has made the affair a success get nothing. We forgot-they get thauks sometimes. 'Way down at the end of the resolutions the press' is sometimes thanked-in a

bunch, with no specifications. "An entertainment is given for a charitable or semi-charitable purpose. Those who take part are not professionals. They receive nothing for their work. But they charge money for the entertainment, and the things needed and used-except newspaper composition and newspaper space-they pay for, out of the proceeds, if not full rates, at least cost price. There is no thought of cost price for a

"An association exists. It has worthy purposes, but not more worthy than the purposes of any good individual. It is conducted for mutual advantage, with incidental advantage to those who are not members. It literally loads The State Commission at its meet- the newspapers down with notices ing at Round Knob decidid to of itself and its work, with announcements of every entertainment, every meeting, repeated so often that they afflict the readerhundreds of columns of it in a year worth thousands of dollars at advertising rates. Of course nothing is paid for it-'twere sacrilege to ask money of people trying to be good !-but as an evidence that the papers are liked for what they have done they are asked to fornish free copies to the association; thus enabling 50 or 100 persons. some of whom might otherwise The rate has heretofore been 25 subscribe, to escape that neces-

This puts the case well, and is about the size of it in North Carolina, too, where the papers are fearfully victimized by this too has grown with the years, until cially the publishers of daily papers, have just cause of complaint and protest. Few of those who reasonable it is, what an imposievery line he prints costs him money and that the expenses of the paper must be met by the income Times Office is complete. Satisof the paper, which is deeply cut faction guaranteed, both as to into by the dead-head matter thrust 'stye, quality and price.

upon it. Not only that but the inmore interested.

also some of the Southern cities because he did not do more, where newspapers are conducted on strictly business principles, as other enterprises are, do not suffer from this abuse, for there when people band in matter in the nathre of an advertisement, in which the public generally is not juterested, they are expected to pay for it and it doesn't go into the paper unless it is paid for. That's the way it should be everywhere, and that is the view that should be taken of it by those who expect so much from the papers for nothing, and forget that newspapers are business enterprises which depend upon their receipts from advertising and subscription, just as the merchant does upon the goods he sells. The merchant is not expected when be sells a dollar's worth of goods to throw in two dollar's worth for nothing, and neither should the newspaper be expected

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W. M. PERSON, Trustee

NOTICE.

By virtue of the power given in a certain mortgage deed executed on the 24 day of March, 1884, by Washington Hawkins and Rotena Hawkins his wife, to S. C. Vann and duly recorded in Book 64 Page 318, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Franklin county, and default having been made in the payment of said mortgage debt, I will on Tuesday the 7th day of September, 1897, sell for cash at public auction, at Franklinten the following tract of land lying and being in Franklin county, State aforesaid, and Franklinton township and described and de fined as follows, to-wit: Beginning at rock in S. C. Vanu's line running thence n. 13 w. 11 poles 21 links to n rock Washington Hawkins' corner, theuce along said Hawkins line n. 79° e. 24 poles 19 links, thence slong D. T. Ward's line S. 12° e. 17 poles 11 links thence S. 85° w 9 poles 5 links, thence N. 1" w. 13 poles 11 links to a rock on Louisburg roud, thence along said road s. 89° w 46 feet, thence n 81/2° w. 13 poles 13 links to a rock, W. H. Mayfield's corner, thence w. 10 poles 24 links to the beginning containing two and three-fifths acres more or less and known as the Miles Mayfield lot. This the 4th day of August, 1897. R. B. WHIPF, Attorney

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