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OFFICIALS SHOULD SEE TO ITS ENFORCEMENT.

The N. C. Corporation Commission says that \$300 instead of \$25 Personal Property be Exempted From Taxation.

The North Carolina Corporation Commission, in its biennial report to the General Assembly as a tax commission, renews its recommendations that \$300 instead of \$25 personal property be exempted from taxation; that poll tax be not levied except as a State and county tax, and that in no case shall these exceed \$2 per capita, that statutes authorizing tax rate greater than 66 2-3 cents on \$100 valuation, State and county tax combined, be not enacted; that the municipal tax rate be so limited that when added to the county tax rate on property, it will not be confiscatory of any class of property; that the constitution be so amended as to allow the General Assembly to so segregate the sources of taxes as to specify upon what subjects there shall be State and upon what subjects local taxation.

The commission says oppressive taxation in this State grows largely out of the State and county, township or district and towns levying on all property. The commission declares that the result of the inheritance tax was disappointing in that it fell off from \$16,000 in 1905 to \$4,673 in 1907, due largely, the commission believes, to failure to enforce the law. It is recommended that some central State officer be directed to see to its enforcement, clerks of the Superior courts being required to report to him all qualifications of executors and administrators together with copies of inventories of estates.

The statistical part of the report shows 293,637 polls against 287,171 in 1906; assessed value of property \$7,457,370,313 against \$488,662,668 for 1906; incomes \$3,667,681 against \$3,138,759; taxes levied under schedules B and C and on incomes \$16,222,228, of which \$2,660,219 was State—\$66,324 for pensions, \$2,658,662 for county, \$1,785,139 for schools and \$2,656,662 for municipal purposes.

The total State, county and town indebtedness for North Carolina is \$20,262,837; of this \$6,886,950 is State \$3,446,850 county and \$9,935,036 municipal. The total assessment of property shows an increase of \$274,661,018. It is estimated that the increase in assessments for 1908 will be about one million dollars.

J. H. Holloway's Dwelling Burned.

Tuesday morning of last week, about half past three o'clock, while the rain was pouring down, an alarm of fire was sounded, but it being about the hour when people sleep the soundest, some time elapsed before many people could be aroused from their beds. The alarm was caused by the burning of the residence of Mr. J. H. Holloway, located on the new street near the Graded School building. When discovered, the discovery being made by Mrs. Holloway, who awoke Mr. Holloway, telling him that she could smell smoke, the cook room and almost the entire back part of the house was in a light blaze. The screams from Mrs. Holloway awoke their nearest neighbor Mr. W. E. Uzzell, who joined in the alarm manfully. His residence is near the Holloway residence, and he was fearful that the flames would soon envelop his home, and his yells could be heard above everybody else.

When the firemen arrived it was found to their regret, as well as the owners of the house, that the hose would not reach; therefore they had

to stand and see the Holloway house burn to the ground.

Mr. Holloway was unable to save but very little of the contents of his house, and we learn that in addition to the burning of nearly all of the household furniture, Mrs. Holloway lost over fifty dollars in money, which she had in her trunk.

There was an insurance of \$1,200 on the house and \$500 on the household and kitchen furniture, which was almost a total loss.

Pine Ridge.

Under date of Dec. 24th, a correspondent writes us the following:

Last Friday night Miss Ella Pippin, the accomplished and successful Principal of our school arranged for an old time Fiddler's and Banjo pickers contest. A good crowd gathered to see the contest, notwithstanding an admission fee was charged, probably the first time a thing of the kind has been done in this place.

A prize of \$2.00 was offered to the best rendering of a violin solo, \$1.50 for the Banjo Solo. Messrs. J. B. Bell, J. C. Mullens, J. J. Williams, and J. C. Dodson were the violinists, and Messrs. O. E. Tant, Johnie Wigge, J. F. Williams, and Charlie A. White, Banjoists. Mr. J. C. Mullens, who is a left hand violinist and who said he had not learned a new tune in twenty years won the first prize with the well known old "Mississippi Sawyer." It was only after some persuasion that this old soldier of the violin would accept the prize, as he does not believe in playing for money, but for fun, and because he can play gives joy to the world. Mr. C. A. White was easily the winner with "Pickett's Horn Pipe" on the Banjo. All did well and the judges felt like giving all a prize.

The crowd was well paid in music for all played together several pieces and then played by two; while the whole program was interspersed with two choruses by the school and with two solos by the natural comedian, Mr. A. R. Nunn, accompanied by his mother Mrs. Nunn. He knows how to get off a comic song and show the point in it to perfection. The audience will not soon forget "Let it alone" and "Walk right in and walk right out." A very humorous duet, "If I only could" was also sung by Miss Perry and Mr. Nunn.

Few neighborhoods can produce so many musicians and good entertainers as Pine Ridge. The people had a good evening and the good results financially was \$15.15 net. Previously Miss Pippin had worked up \$30.75; so that \$45.90 has been raised to buy desks and other school apparatus.

Miss Pippin and her assistant are giving the people a good school and doing much to call out the talents of the community. The committee is to be congratulated on securing such efficient teachers and they should be retained as long as possible.

"Cook."

Pinnell-Bowden.

The marriage bells were joyfully rung at Providence church on the bright morning of Dec. 9th, 1908 at 10:30; the contracting parties being Mr. Joe King Pinnell and Miss Aileen Coletraine Bowden.

The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, ferns, palms and other evergreens.

The wedding bell was suspended from an arch of green.

The aisles were carpeted with spotless white linen, typical of their bright young lives.

The bride and groom looked in deed handsome as they took their places under the bell.

Rev. S. T. Moyle officiated.

Miss Florence Currin, of Henderson, gracefully presided at the organ. The ushers were Messrs. John Bowden, of Portsmouth, Lewis

Bowden, of Elberon, Joe Lewis Williams, of New York and Dr. Smith, of Manson.

The bride was beautifully robed in a white silk and white ficture hat, and carried a lovely bouquet of brides roses and ferns.

Miss Leona Currin, of Henderson, was maid of honor. She wore a blue silk and ficture hat, and carried white carnations.

Mr. E. H. Pinnell, brother of the groom, was best man.

After the yows were plighted for life the bride party with a number of friends and relatives repaired to the hospitable home of the bride's parents, where a sumptuous dinner was served.

The following evening Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Williams, of Inez, gave them a reception.

The bride is the beautiful and charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Bowden.

And the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. J. Pinnell.

He is a successful "son of the soil," and one of our most worthy young men.

The presents were numerous and handsome. A. R.

Birth-day Celebration.

Our "young" friend, B. N. Williamson celebrated another birth-day on Tuesday evening of last week, and had a number of his gentlemen friends to dine with him, among whom ye editor was pleased to be on hand. The occasion, as they always are, was greatly enjoyed by all present, and the dinner was most elegant, almost everything that the taste and appetite of man could wish being served. As the "stork" presented our host on Christmas day with a fine 12 pound girl—being his second—we will not state his age at this birth-day. Those present, besides the host, were Dr. R. F. Yarborough, J. B. Thomas, R. A. Bobbitt, B. G. Hicks, W. E. Tucker, K. K. Allen, E. S. Ford, J. A. Turner, J. R. Collie and J. A. Thomas.

A nice and suitable present was presented to Mr. Williamson and was delivered to him in behalf of his friends, in a few well chosen remarks by Mr. J. A. Turner. The speech of acceptance was "short" but to the point.

Prosperity Not Dependent on Political Affiliations.

The fact is, the South's condition and future development has little or nothing to do with its political affiliation, so long as the latter is eliminated from the possibility of misrepresentation of agitators, oranks and unscrupulous professional politicians in other parts of the country. If the South can lead the rest of the nation in general growth while adhering to the principles of the Democratic party, it is as reasonable to argue that Massachusetts or New Hampshire would make much greater progress by departing from their custom to support the Republican party as to appeal to the South to abandon its solidity on the ground of its industrial and commercial future.—Goldboro Argus. Well said Bro. Robinson. The white men of the South are not for sale.

Farmers Alliance.

We have been requested to announce that the Franklin County Farmers Alliance will be held in Louisburg on 3rd Thursday in January 1909, instead of 2nd Thursday as heretofore.

All the subs in the county are earnestly requested to send their full quota of delegates. We also wish as many visiting brethren as can attend this important meeting. Bro. Parrott, State B. A. will be with us at this meeting and give us a business talk. Brethren don't miss it, but come out and let us give him a cordial welcome and greeting.

Respectfully yours,
W. H. STALLINGS, Sec.

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere for Business or Pleasure.

Matthew Champion went to Henderson Tuesday.

Miss Claude Aycocke spent the holidays in Zebulon.

Wiley Joyner left Tuesday to visit friends in High Point.

Miss Mary Harper, of Mars Hill, is visiting Mrs. J. W. Mustian.

Mr. W. M. Shaw, of Petersburg, spent the holidays in Louisburg.

Mr. M. E. Winston, of Youngsville, spent last Sunday in Louisburg.

Miss Emma Page, of Greensboro, is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. B. Wilder.

Mr. W. M. Person made a professional trip to Reidsville, Ga., last week.

Mrs. B. F. Carpenter left Tuesday to visit Mr. Carpenter's people in Weldon.

Messrs. Plummer and Nick Mustian, of Henderson, visited Mr. J. W. Mustian.

Mr. C. E. Johnson and wife spent the holidays with their people in Chatham.

Mr. S. P. Boddie and his mother returned Wednesday from a visit to Nashville.

Dr. E. S. Green and wife, of Monroe, were among the visitors to Louisburg this week.

Mr. J. T. Andrews and wife, of Rocky Mount, were guests of W. B. Cook, this week.

Mr. Moses Alford, of Zebulon, was a welcome visitor to the editor's sanctum this week.

Mrs. F. R. Pleasants and little daughter, Kathrena, are visiting her parents in Greensboro.

Mr. C. F. Best and wife, of Franklinton, spent Christmas day with her father, Mr. J. A. Thomas.

Mrs. G. S. Miles and children of Newport News, Va., is visiting Mrs. J. W. Mustian the past week.

Mr. Clarence Stimpson, of Iradell, was visiting his sisters, Mrs. F. B. and D. F. McKinnis, this week.

Senator B. T. Holden and brother Sidney Holden, spent Christmas with their people in Youngsville.

Mr. J. L. Palmer and wife spent a portion of the holidays at the home of Mr. D. B. Best, near Mapleville.

Dr. A. H. Fleming spent the holidays "ducking" down on the Sounds. Up to yesterday he had not reported.

Mr. Wilbur Cooke, who is in the Cotton Mill business in Spartanburg, S. C., was here this week to visit his people.

Mr. John Davis, of Texas, and Mrs. Erwin Holt, of Burlington, were guests of Mr. T. W. Bicker, this week.

Mrs. O. A. Jones was called by telegram this week to the sick bed of her mother, Mrs. Andrews, in Charlotte.

Mr. J. A. Turner returned Tuesday from Greensboro, where he attended the annual meeting of the N. C. N. G.

Messrs. F. B. and D. F. McKinnis, accompanied by their families, spent the holidays with their people in Princeton.

Mr. F. S. Spruill came over from Rocky Mount last week, and spent a day looking after legal matters in Louisburg.

Mrs. Ida S. Pearce and little granddaughter, Flora McLaurin, are visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Tucker, at Winston-Salem.

Mr. T. D. Tyack the clever representative of the American Tobacco Co., spent the holidays with his people at Winston-Salem.

Misses Margie Macon, Annie Belle Harris, and Ina Harris, came home from the State Normal at Greensboro, to spend the holidays.

Mr. R. E. Prines, a Real Estate dealer of Raleigh, was here on business connected with a deal he had made in the lower part of the county.

Mr. James S. Strickland, of Red Springs, and Miss Annie Strickland, who is teaching at Kenley, came home to spend Christmas with their people.

Messrs. F. N. Egerton, Jr., of Trinity College, Elliott Egerton, of Wilson, and Weldon Egerton, of Chapel Hill, all spent the holidays with their people here.

Miss Belle Strickland, who is teaching in the High School at Apex, came home to spend Christmas. She was accompanied by her sister Lois, who is attending school in Apex.

Mr. Herman Best and wife, of Wayne county, were visitors at the college during the holidays. He was a former resident of Franklin and his wife was Miss Madaline Hill.

The editor had a pleasant call a few days before Christmas from his good friend J. T. Gupton, of Waylor, Ga. He was here to visit his brothers, W. L. and K. E. Gupton, of Oswego.

Mrs. J. B. Yarborough and little son John, went to Stovall on Tuesday, to attend the marriage of her sister, Miss Emma C. Webb and Mr. Stephen A. Martin, which took place on Wednesday.

Mr. J. Edward Thomas spent a portion of the holidays in Rocky Mount. While there he succeeded, so it is said, in locating the "Central" telephone office. He was always partial to the "Central" offices.

Mr. W. P. Neal who has been spending some time at Richmond, Va., resting up, returned home a few days ago, accompanied by his wife. His friends were delighted to see him looking so well.

Miss May Jones, who has been taking a course in Elocution at Ward's Conservatory in Nashville Tenn., has returned home, and will resume teaching in the College, with the opening of the spring session.

His host of friends were delighted to shake the "paw" of Mr. E. C. Barrow, who came home to spend Christmas. The past few weeks he has been located at New Albany, Miss., buying cotton for the big cotton firm of Latham & Co. He will probably be located at some other point after this.

Mr. Ernest Hale, who has been a "typo" in the TIMES office for the past two years, decided to try his luck in a new field, and left this week to take a position on the Leaksville paper. He is a sober young man, is capable of making a good printer, and with proper application will make his mark. The editor of the TIMES wishes him success.

The North Carolina Society Lowered Its Standard.

The young men of Louisburg gave their Annual Christmas dance in the Opera House last Monday night, and the young people had a very pleasant time.

The following couples took part in the dance:

Miss Helen Crenshaw with Thomas Bullock, of Henderson, Miss Bessie Jacobs with Leslie Allen, Miss Nan Malone with P. R. White, Miss Mary Malone with Lewis Scoggin, Miss Fannie Boddie with William Jackson, Miss Annie Allee with Badger Hart, Miss Alba Allen with Clayton Hizzell, Miss Eleanor Cooke with Joe Uzzell, Miss Beula Tucker with Sutherland Williams, Miss Mary Williams with Willie Wilson, Miss Sutherland with Blair Tucker, Miss Florence Terrell with Mr. Blackburn, of Norfolk, Miss Martha Mann with Wilbur Cooke, Miss Collins, of Hoke, with W. M. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Boddie, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Allen.

Chaperones—Mrs. Crenshaw, Mrs. Collie, Mrs. Parham, Mrs. Ruffin.

Stags—A. W. Person, A. A. Clifton, K. K. Allen, E. S. Ford, Dr. S. C. Ford, B. T. Holden, Weldon Hawkins, of Ridgeway, Wilson Green, Tom Boddie.

Music by Levin's Orchestra. The Dance was led by Mr. A. W. Person.

Who's Duty is it?

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