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HOME AFFAIRS.

For market reports see fourth page.

The attention of the reader is called to our market reports, which, we think, are the fullest given by any country paper in the State.

Rev. R. S. Ledbetter is absent on a visit to the city of Charleston, S. C., and will not return until January.

Last week the *Pee Dee Courier* changed editors again, Messrs. John Duckett and C. P. Ervin, in this time, assuming editorial charge. We wish you all possible success, gentlemen.

And no Standard Keeper has been appointed for the county yet. What's the matter, Mr. Board of Commissioners?

EUGENE, infant son of Rev. Jonathan Sandford, died of diphtheria, in the vicinity of Wadesboro' on the 8th inst., and was brought to this town for his burial.

The new bridge over Hitchcock Creek, west of the Great Falls Factory has been completed, and is now ready for the use of the traveling public.

We regret to learn of the destruction by fire, one night last week, of the turpentine still and fixtures of Mr. Geo. J. Freeman, in this vicinity. Did not hear the origin of the fire.

It will be seen from the proceedings of the County Commissioners, published elsewhere, that Mr. William Little Johnson has been appointed Superintendent of the County Poor Farm, for the ensuing year 1875.

The "New Cape Fear Agricultural and Mechanical Association," of Wilmington, will please accept our thanks for a complimentary ticket to their Fair, to commence in that city on Tuesday next, the 15th inst.

We are pained to have to record the death of Mrs. ELIZABETH ELLERBE, which sad event occurred at the residence of her son, W. W. Ellerbe, Esq., in this vicinity, on Wednesday last, 9th inst. We do not know what Mrs. Ellerbe's age was, but suppose that she was about 75 years old.

Our neighbor and friend, Maj. R. T. Long, we see it stated, actually gathered this year 4100 pounds of seed cotton from his lot of 1 1/2 acres, on the South side of the public square, in this town. The Major is certainly a capital farmer.

We noticed a man on our streets one day this week who was exhibiting and endeavoring to find buyers for some kind of a seed planter. The fellow is not smart, else he would certainly have given us a call and shown us the thing, in the hope of getting us to puff his machine, free of charge.

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We are very much gratified to be able to announce that Rev. Joseph Wheeler has been re-assigned to this place by the Methodist Conference, recently in session at Raleigh. Also, we are happy to state that Rev. T. W. Guthrie has been returned to Laurinburg circuit.

A slight accident occurred on the Carolina Central Railway, near Sand Hill, some six miles east of this place, on Saturday last. A car or two of the freight train, coming this way, ran off the track, delaying the passage of trains for a few hours. Nobody hurt and but little damage done.

No sooner is our goodly town relieved of one difficulty when another is upon her. Mr. Sandford retires from the *Courier*, and immediately two hand organs and a pair of monkeys appear upon the streets to disturb trade and distract our good citizens. Alas, alas.

HO FOR THE WILMINGTON FAIR— GRAND FREE EXHIBITION DURING FAIR WEEK—SEATS FREE.—Everybody is going to the fair, the seats on the train will be free to all who pay for them, and will entitle the holder to see the exhibition free. There will be displayed one of the finest stocks of clothing for men and boys ever before seen in Wilmington, and the prices—well 'tis no use to tell you for the prices are so low that it will astonish the natives. Of course everybody knows it is at SHERRER BROS' Emporium of Fashion.

Pay Up.—We are sending out bills to all those indebted to us for subscription to the *SPIRIT OF THE SOUTH*, and earnestly request an immediate settlement of same. Quite a number of persons have read our paper ever since the first number was issued nearly two years ago, and have not yet paid us one single cent, and now we want to know what they propose to do about it. Do you intend to pay us? If not, let us know, so that, if you are able to pay us and will not, we can make you a present of the amount due us, in order that the sin of swindling a poor printer out of his just dues may not rest on you. We are now trying "turfs of grass," and should they prove unavailing, we propose to see what virtue there is in "stones." "A word to the wise is sufficient." Pay up! Pay up!!

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

SYNOPSIS OF PROCEEDINGS.

The Board of County Commissioners met on Monday last, at their office in the Court House, in regular monthly session. Mr. Chairman J. H. Aycock, being absent, Commissioner L. T. Everett was duly elected Chairman *pro tem*.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The following persons were released from the payment of double tax and permitted to list their property with the Register of Deeds: Hon. O. H. Dockery, G. M. Ballard and Aaron Dunn.

The following persons were released from the payment of poll taxes: Midy Williams—cause, over age; D. A. McRae and W. H. Pate—cause, physical disability.

Valuation of the estate of J. H. Robinson, dec'd, reduced.

Col. B. F. Little was granted a reduction in the valuation of his real estate of \$2000.

Valuation of lands of Richmond Lassiter reduced from \$600 to \$60.

The Clerk of the Board was directed to notify the Clerk of the Superior Court to certify to the Board such witness tickets as are proper county charges.

Allowances.—The following allowances were made: To John A. Capperon, for replacing the bridge on Gum Swamp, commonly known as the Polly Bridge, \$50; to same, for half fees as witness for the State in insolvent State cases, \$11.50; to C. M. Smith, for replacing bridge at Rock Dale, on Joe's Creek, \$65; to G. J. Freeman, for building bridge over Mark's Creek, at Freeman's Old Mill, \$149.75; to Jeremiah Eady, for half fees as witness for the State, \$2; to Wm. Webb, for services as Clerk of Steele's Township, \$9; to D. W. Gibson, for services as Trustee of Mineral Springs Township, \$4.50; to D. T.

Hargrave, Deputy Sheriff, for expenses incurred by him in conveying prisoners to jail, &c., \$19.50; to W. N. Bennett, for services as State's witness, \$3.60; to J. R. Jordan, for half fees as witness in State case, \$3.60; to same, for taking Alfred Lloyd to Rockingham, \$4.25; to W. R. Terry, for glass and putty to repair Court House, \$6.05; to Z. F. Long, Sheriff, for summoning jurors, \$34.25; to Daniel Lamplly, blind pauper, for his support per quarter, \$5; to James Smith, for support of his invalid wife, per quarter, \$6; to W. P. McDonald, for rebuilding bridge over Hitchcock Creek, below the Great Falls Factory, on the Wall's Ferry road, \$260; to John W. Terry, for services as Clerk of Rockingham Township, \$14; to John B. Covington, E. C. Terry and L. H. Shortridge, each \$14 for services as Trustees of Rockingham Township; to James W. O'Bryan, for repairs on Poor House, \$21.52; to W. A. Robbins & Co., for putty, \$1.25; to James W. O'Bryan, jail fees, \$113.55; for caring for the paupers, \$91.94; to Rev. Ellis Wall, for support of his wife, \$80000.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

TUESDAY, Dec. 8, 1874.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment, Commissioner Everett, Chairman *pro tem*, in the Chair.

The Board proceeded, as required by law, to examine the office of Clerk of the Superior Court, with regard to fines and forfeitures paid into the same.

In compliance with an order of the Board, the Clerk of the Superior Court sent in a report stating that no jail fees had been paid into his office. [This settles a vexed question.]

Application for a change in the old Wall's Ferry road in the vicinity of the Great Falls Factory, was received and ordered to be advertised according to law.

Silas Johnson, of Council Hill Township, was released from the payment of poll tax; [but upon what grounds the minutes do not show.]

Stephen Quick was released from the payment of tax on \$1,875 worth of property in Wolf Pit Township, the same having been improperly assessed against him.

James W. O'Bryan was directed to purchase six blankets for use of the paupers at the Poor House.

William Little Johnson, being the lowest bidder, was awarded the contract for caring for the paupers at the Poor House for the year 1875 at the price of \$100 each per annum. No bond required.

Allowances.—The following allowances were made: To Dennis Jerneygan, half fees as witness, \$2.10; to J. W. O'Bryan, half fees as witness, \$2.10; to J. H. Lee, for services as Clerk of Laurel Hill Township, \$10; to R. Hall, half fees as witness, \$2.85; to D. G. Woodward, half fees as witness, \$3.45; C. M. Covington, half fees as witness, \$1.85; to Mary Hughes, for support of her five children, per quarter, \$15; to Amy Garrett, for her support, per quarter, \$9; to Miss K. Barton, discharged pauper from Poor House, for her support, per quarter, \$8; to A. T. Whitehead, discharged pauper from the Poor House, for his support, per quarter, \$8.

Total amount of allowances made at this meeting of Board, \$1,009.61.

The Board adjourned to meet again on the first Monday in next month, at the usual hour.

Very seldom does one see a greater amount of homely hard sense put together in compact space than appears in the following advice to the Legislature of North Carolina from the *Hickory Piedmont Press*:

It is to be hoped that the present Legislature will make some improvements on our game laws.

Lay a heavy tax on pistols, bow-knives and dogs.

Make some provision for the accommodation of the insane persons in excess of what the present asylum building will accommodate.

Settle the public debt in some way or other.

Do something handsome for our common schools.

Talk little, do much, keep sober and write regularly to their wives or sweet-hearts, as the case may be.

THE LEGISLATURE.

SYNOPSIS OF PROCEEDINGS.

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 2.
Invitation of the Cape Fear Agricultural Society, was considered and declined with thanks.

By a vote of 35 for to 12 against, it was decided to adjourn on the 21st inst. and re-assemble on the 3rd Monday in January.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Walker, of Richmond, petitioned for a counter petition in regard to incorporation of Laurinburg in Richmond County.

Bills introduced.—In regard to allotment of homestead exemptions; to prevent the carrying of side arms; declaring the shares of stock in corporations to be personal estate; to incorporate the town of Laurinburg in the county of Richmond.

Unfinished business.—The bill for the more effectual prosecution of offenders against the criminal laws of the State, passed second and third readings.

The bill to extend the time for taking out grants from the State was amended and passed second and third readings.

The bill for extending the time of Tax Collectors for settling with county and State Treasurers was rejected.

SENATE.

THURSDAY, Dec. 3.

Mr. Waring, bill requiring poll tax as a qualification to vote. Referred to committee on constitutional reform.

Bill for relief of disabled Confederate soldiers, was considered. Mr. Cantwell wanted Federal soldiers included in the bill, which was objected to.

Mr. Jenkins amended that the bill not apply to Confederate soldiers who have already had arm or leg amputated by the State. After a good deal of discussion the bill was made special order for to-morrow morning.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Bills introduced.—Giving compensation to Sheriffs for bringing prisoners to the Penitentiary; providing for better attendance upon the public schools of the State.

Message from His Excellency, the Governor, with petition, &c., from J. C. L. Harris, Solicitor 6th Judicial District, which, on motion of Mr. Means was referred to the select committee on said subject.

SENATE.

FRIDAY, Dec. 4.

Mr. French asked a suspension of the rules in order to consider the House Amnesty Bill. This bill grants full pardon, except for rape, to all persons now outside of the State for Ku Kluxing and other disorders. Granted.

In moving the suspension of the rules, Mr. French said:

I ask this favor of the Senate because I am going to return to my home this evening, and I wish to carry these glad tidings, for it will cause several mother's hearts in my county to leap with joy. They will then inform their boys that they can return home with safety, and enjoy again with them and their fathers, festivities of the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Cantwell wished to amend by extending the same benefit to W. W. Holden, and followed his amendment with a speech declaring he would vote for the bill whether his amendment was adopted or not. He asked the Legislature to show some magnanimity to a fallen foe. This pardon would be granted some day, and he hoped it would be done now. The man had been punished according to the judgment of the Legislature, and he thought that he should now be set free. He meant that this measure, whether adopted or not, should be placed on record, and the people should discuss the action of the Legislature in the premises.

Mr. Busbee hoped Mr. Cantwell would withdraw the amendment and introduce it as a separate proposition. He doubted the constitutionality of the manner proposed, and he was not now prepared to vote upon the amendment.

Mr. Cantwell withdrew the amendment at the request of Senators, and the bill passed its second reading.

The bill passed its third reading by the following vote: Ayes 40, nays 6.

Bills introduced.—To punish persons for obtaining goods under false pretences; to require Justices of the Peace to give bond of \$500.

Resolution granting amnesty and pardon to W. W. Holden. Lies over.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Bill concerning Jail fees was taken up, and amendment adopted that the fees shall not be more than 50 cents per day for each prisoner. Passed its several readings.

Resolution to adjourn on the 21st

inst., and meet again on the 3rd Monday of January, was adopted.

Senate resolution of request to Congress to grant pensions to survivors of the Mexican war, passed its readings.

SENATE.

SATURDAY, Dec. 5.

Judiciary Committee reported against the bill for relief of W. W. Holden.

Mr. Graham, a bill authorizing the working of convicts at other places than the Penitentiary, except those convicts sentenced for murder, rape and arson.

Mr. Parish's bill for Justices of Peace to give bond was again taken up and passed its second reading.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Bills introduced.—To prohibit the carrying of side arms; to punish gambling; to provide for the payment of overseers of public roads; by Mr. Walker, concerning the publication of the accounts audited by county commissioners.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in Rockingham Post Office, Dec. 1st, 1874:

Oran Word, Julia Graham, Eliza Ewins, Anthony Howe, Jr., Mattie Hornback, Montgomery Handy, Wm. Gay, Lofty Dason, Charles Cole, Jacob Buie, Mary J. Bennett, Betty Bingham, Dr. B. W. Brookshir, Israel Alston, J. J. Crouch, Eliza E. Campbell, Bill Allen, David Chasey, John Aron, Thomas Brackett, William McPherson, Elizabeth May, Sarah McLennon, T. Mauldon, Bettie Marriott, Sarah McAllester, James Robinson, Piller Parker, Mary Reed, An Elizer Robeson, John Parish, Rachel Powell, Elizabeth Williams, Rosa Ward, Salena Smith, Billie Walker, Clark Jane Woolley, M. C. Welch, Eliza Seels, Harriet Wadkins, M. B. Stewart, Rottie Stewart, Edmond Wadkins, Miss E. A. Smith, Parry Settles.

W. S. FOWLER, P. M.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Texas Gift Concert Association.—Again we call the attention of our readers to this Association. Endorsed as it is by the most prominent citizens of Denton, Texas, we have no hesitancy in recommending the opportunity to our citizens for an investment that may be to their interest. The local agent of the Association informs us that the tickets are selling rapidly in all States of the Union. One dollar may secure you a cash prize, a homestead or a business house in one of the most prosperous and enterprising towns in Northern Texas.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Real Estate Sale.

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D. P. JOHNSON, Adm'r of Freeman Broadwell.
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