Monday. August 25th, 1873.



The Tax Question.

In our local columns to-day appears the report of the Committee appointed by the County Commissioners in relation to taxation. It will be read with interest, and, being official, will have its influence. It will be seen that our Democratie Legislature, which is always loud when talking of reform, has increased instead of diminished the State taxes. The cry of "retrenchment and reform" is a very common one among the "outs" in any part of the land, but the Democrats have been so persistently noisy on this subject, that we ask of our readers a careful and thoughtful examination of the subject. Let it be borne in mind that the public debt has not been reduced by this Legislature, and we wait for some of their admiring newspapers to show us why the State tax has been increased from $88\frac{1}{3}$ cents on the \$100 in 1872, to $50\frac{1}{3}$ cents in 1873. This is not for school purposes, for we have an increase on the poll tax of 25 cents for that purpose.

This report does not show the amount of taxes collected in this city, for the "schedule B" tax, including licenses, etc., cannot be estimated, and the receipts are devoted to the liquidation of the County debt. The amount is large, and in the proceedings of the Commissioners published to-day appears a record of the destruction of some of our bonds. We believe the Commissioners are doing all they can to carry out the laws faithfully and equally. They profess entire willingness to correct any errors in assessments, which sometimes unavoidably occur, and instead of vituperation they should be thanked for the economical manner in which they have performed their arduous duties.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

An adjourned meeting of the Board was held Saturday afternoon.

The bond of the Clerk of Federal Point Township was ordered to be referred back to the Board of Trustees of said township for justification of the sureties on said bond.

The report of the Board of Trustees of Wilmington Township in reference to the financial condition, &c., of said township, was received and ordered to the Auditing Committee for report.

A duplicate of returns on Constitutional Amendments was presented by the Sheriff, received and ordered on file.

Wm. Evans, of Union Township, an old, helpless and decrepid man, having applied for assistance, was ordered sent to the Poor House for proper treatment.

Applications of R. C. Bordeaux, Alfred Pridgen, David Wilson, William Racklef and Guilford Marshall, disabled and afflicted persons, for exemption from poll-tax, were received and ordered granted.

Matilda Cannon, asking aid from the county, was allowed assistance to an amount not to exceed \$4 per month.

It was ordered that the Clerk enquire by letter as to the expense of putting the bridges at Washington Creek, Rockfish Creek and Sills Creek in proper repair by some one residing near the same, and that a report be made at the next meeting.

It was ordered that, in the opinion of the Board, it is not advisable at the present time to expend further sums for new bridges.

Application of the jurors in the Willie Carter murder case, for compensation for the time they have been sitting on said case, was received and ordered referred to the County Attorney for his opinion.

The following jurors, comprising the special venire, were drawn for the October term of the Superior Court.

First Week-M C Bowden, Jas Pickett, John Beauford, Frank Clinton, HC Evans, WH Morgan, AH VanBokkelen, B M Gurganus, John Eakins, John Evans, C P Pridgen, A J Sullivan, Robert Tate, Samuel Orr. J W King, Levi McAllister, W J Newton, J J Coleman, James Andrews, J W Collins, D R Murchison, Samuel Blumenthal, C W Futch, Bryant Fonville, Thos Hall, H P West, John N Woodcock, S A Currie, Allen Simmons, A A Willard, John McEntee, Guy Hall, H. VonGlahn, John Moore, G C Kelly.

Second Week-Thos H Howey, J W Rainey, Newkirk Southerland, Hugh we have recommended no action the

Wells, Preston Cumming, Samuel J Sneed, Daniel Venters, James R Corbett, G W Bonham, Mark Johnson, Boney Wells, A B George, Geo A Peck, Richard Howard, Jordan Lemmons, J W Lippitt, W Wakins, John

It was ordered that from this date the Clerk of the Board be instructed to draw warrants in conformity with the instructions on the newly adopted form of the Auditing Committee and in no other manner.

Of motion, the following bonds of the denomination of \$100 each, having attached thereto two coupons, dated March 1st, 1869, and due March 1st, 1874, were, in the presence of A. H. Morris, L. E. Rice and Delaware Nixon, Commissioners, and M. London, County Attorney for Board, burned and totally stroyed. The numbers of the same are as follows, to-wit: 236, 234, 233, 232, 237, 235, 231, 229, 230, 228, 278, 178, 144, 142, 143, 148, 147, 146, 145, 179, 177, 176, 180, 174, 175, 173, 170, 169, 160, 158, 159, 156, 157, 155, 154, 149, 150, 153, 183, 181, 182, 184, 185, 186, 188, 227, and 187; being, altogether, 47 bonds of the denomination

above mentioned. It was ordered by the Board that the Clerk prepare and post the usual statement required by law relative to county receipts and expenditures, and such other matters in connection therewith as may be required, for the fiscal year ending August 31st, 1873.

Commissioner Rice, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following

REPORT.

NEW HANOVER COUNTY In Board of County Commissioners,

August 23d, 1873. The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred all petitions for allowance for excessive taxation, respectfully sub-

mit the following report: We have examined all the complaints presented to the County Commissioners to and including Friday, the 22d inst. and carefully examined the case of each individual applicant. A very large number of the claims are of a general character, and set forth no particular reason for a revision of the assessment We have, however, waived requirements of law that the Commissioners might properly insist upon, and each petition er has had his claim determined from the evidence before us, obtained from such records and information as could be had by diligent inquiry.

There are eighty-seven complaints of excessive taxation, of which number thirty appear to be well grounded.— Fifty-four do not in our opinion have reasonable cause, and upon three, further information is necessary to deter-

These complaints do not comprise any from the city of Wilmington. Your committee have not had time to give that attention to the petitioners from the city that they desire, and ask further time in the matter.

We file herewith the names of the persons, and the sums to be remitted as determined by us to be just and equitable. In each of these cases it appeared that the township boards had increased the valuation without a corresponding increase of lands or betterments. The Commissioners presumed that the township boards valued the property in the the same who robbed the Rock Island township in which they were sitting, in a uniform manner, and this excessive increase in the cases in which we recommend that a portion of the tax be remitted, has been occasioned either by the person giving in the tax too high, as compared with others in the township, or a want of proper care on the part of the township board to so adjust the values of separate properties, that the burden of taxation shall fall on all alike. It is not the sole duty of a township board to satisfy the property owners with the valuation; not only the law, but their duty as upright men, requires them to go much further. If the valuation of A is for only one-fourth of the value required by law, and the val-uation of B one-half, both are satisfied and willing to approve the assessment of a Board endorsing such inequality of valuation. The duty of township boards under the law is, however, plain. Each and every piece of property must be valued at its full value in cash at a voluntary sale. The estimated value by the owner the board is not bound to accept. If this had been the rule, and the boards of all the townships composed of men who think and determine alike as to the value of property, the Commissioners would seldom be called upon to revise the lists of township boards. The revise the lists of township boards. The constitution of the State, and legislative enactments, have provided, however, against any wide difference of opinion as to the value of property by the assessors in the several townships, giving a revisory power to the Commissioners to see that as to the value of lands so shall the tax be levied, and intelligent men can see the necessity for such provisions of law.

The average value of land, per acre, as revised by the Commissioners are as follows: Harnett, \$4 98, Rocky Point, \$4 38; Cape Fear, \$3 71; Grant, \$3 56; Holden, \$3 35; Masonboro, \$2 96; Lincoln, \$2 94; Caswell, \$2 79; Federal Point, \$2 72; Union, \$2 51; Columbia, \$2 32; Holly, \$2 04. The assessors in Columbia returned the average value of lands at 93 cents per acre, while the they propose to make them out of. Thirty assessors in Harnett averaged the value at \$6 22 per acre. It is plain that there was, in this case, a wide difference of for furnishing said uniforms to city. opinion between the township boards of Harnett and Columbia as to the value of property. The Commissioners very properly revised this great inequality and proceeded in the same manner to make uniform the assessments that all townships should, as near as possible, be burdened alike. In the case which

valuation does not appear to have been changed from last year, and the only increase is by the Commissioners in their revision and equalization of assessments. No reasonable taxpayer should feel agrieved in paying equally, as to the value of his property, with

individuals in all other townships. The rate paid on each \$100 for couny purposes is less this year than in 1872, being 36 2-3 cents, against 41 2-3 cents levied in that year. The State tax has been increased from 383 cents on each \$100 in 1872 to 501 cents in 1873. While for county purposes the Commissioners levied a less tax than in 1872. The General Assembly by levying a tax of 501 cents increased the total tax \$5 on each one thousand dollars worth of property. There is also complaint made of the 25 cents additional poll tax. Over this the Commissioners had no control. Section 37, chapter 90, acts of 1872-'73, provides that in addition to the State and county capitation, taxes appropriated by the Constitution, the shall be levied and collected 25 cents on every poll, in addition to the taxes in the revenue law, for the maintainance of public schools, The amount of taxes levied in all the

townships outside of the city of Wilmington for 1873 is, for State, \$12,223 For county purposes, \$8,910. In 1870 the farm products in the same townships was \$634,083. After deducting the cost of all labor including board of the same which amounted to \$179,092, it would leave a sum sufficiently respectable to appear that after deducting the expenses of living of the owners of these farms a tax of \$21,000 would not be grevious to bear, provided, as it is reasonable to infer that the income from farm products is as great this year as in 1870.

One other matter to which we wish to call the attention of the Commisbeen made on account of the townships, not including Wilmington, for the fiscal year ending August 31st, 1873. Your Committee made a careful examination into the accounts, and separated the expenses incurred by the city of Wilmington from the other townships. We 60 find that the sum of \$20,648 has been expended during the year to be properly charged to account of townships outside of Wilmington and that the tax levied in the same townships for 1872, t meet these expenditures is \$8,155. This statement may be of value to you in determining the sums to be appropriat-

ed for townships the ensuing year. Your Committee do not believe that the complaint of excessive taxation is general, as claimed for some eight or nine townships. For the ordinary expenses of the county and the payment of the bonded debt, provision must be made and we believe all good citizens are willing to bear a share of the burden proportionate to the amount of property they own. There are probably yet some instances where errors have occured and proper claims to be adjusted, and we are confident that every citizen will have a fair hearing SASH, and an equitable adjustment in all cases of this kind.

LAWSEN E. RICE, Acting Chairman. Adjourned to the first Monday in September.

EDITORIAL BUDGET.

— An attempt was made on the 20th to capture the paymaster's car on the Hannibal and St. Joseph railroad. between Cameron and Kansas City, by a a gang of men who are thought to be railroad train some time since. The engineer saw the men obstructing the track, and 'reversed the engine and ran back to Cameron.

- Dispatches from Alexandria give particulars of the loss of a freighting steamer bound from Singapore and Shanghai to London. The vessel was wrecked in the Red Sea, near the eastern entrance. The captain, officers, and some of the crew were lost .-Thirty-six of the men succeeded in gaining the land, but fell into the hands of the Somaulees, a Mohammedan by whom they are held prisoners.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, County of New Hanover,

OFFICE OF SUPERIOR COURT CLERK,)

23d August, 1873.

meeting of the said proposed corporators and subscribers to be held at the Commercial Exchange, in the city of Wilmington, at 12 o'clock, M., on Tuesday, the 26th day of August, instant, for the election of officers and the adoption of suitable By-laws for the government of said proposed corporation,
J. C. MANN,
aug 25-lt Clerk of Superior Court.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

CITY OF WILMINGTON, N. C. August 25th, 1873.

ROPOSALS will be received at this office up to 12 M., 3rd of September, 1873, for making uniforms (winter), for the Police force o the City, including Caps. Merchants sending in bids will send samples of cloth that (30) days allowed, after contract is awarded

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of land.

against
Sylvester F. Martin, defendant,
T APPEARING to the satisfaction of the T APPEARING to the satisfaction of the court by the affidavit of Joseph H. F. Martin, one of the plaintiffs, that the defendant, Sylvester F. Martin, is a non-resident of this State, that he is a proper party to this action, that the plaintiffs have a cause of action against him, and that this action relates to real property in this State; It is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Evening Post, a newspaper published in the city of Wilmington, once a week for six successive weeks, notifying the said defendant of the filing of the complaint in this action, and that he be and appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of New fore the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover county aforesaid at his office at the court house in Wilmington, on the 25th day of September, 1873, to plead, answer or demur to the complaint in this action, or the same will be heard ex parte and taken proconfesso as to him.

J C MANN,

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