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Mount, child of morning, mount and sing,
And gaily beat thy fluttering wings.
Bathed in the fountains of the dew,
Thy sense is keen, thy joys are new,
Thy wide world opens to thy view,
And spreads its earliest charms.

Far showered around, the hill, the plain,
Catch the glad impulse of thy strain,
And fling thy veil aside;
While warm with hope and rapturous joy
Thy thrilling lay rings cheerily,
Love swells its notes and liberty,
And youth's exulting pride.

Thy little beam knows no ill,
No gloomy thought, no wayward will,
'Tis sunshine all, and ease,
Like thy own plume, along the sky,
Thy tranquil days glide smoothly by,
No track behind them as they fly
Proclaims departed peace.

'Twas thus my earliest hopes aspir'd,
'Twas thus, with youthful ardor frod;
I vainly thought to soar;
To snatch from fate the dazzling prize
Beyond the beam of vulgar eyes,
--Alas! the unbidden sigh will rise:
Those days shall dawn no more.
--ANNA L. BARBAULD.

TAXATION IN THIS STATE.

The Variations from Year to Year in the Number of Acres of Land Returned.

The following is an extract from State Auditor Ayer's address before the County Officers' convention, held at Morehead City last week:

Let us first review some facts and figures concerning the listing of land--a species of property which is always visible, and which does not decrease or increase in natural measurement. The most reliable authority accessible shows that there are in the State 52,250 square miles of territory. Reduced to acres the area is 33,440,000 square acres. Of this area within State bounds, however, there are 3,670 square miles, or 2,348,800 square acres of water. These figures show the net amount of actual land in the State to measure up to 31,091,200 acres. The number of acres of land returnable for taxation in 1895, according to the Auditor's report for that year, was 28,019,748. It appears, therefore, that there are 3,071,452 acres of land in this State which are not listed for taxation for the year 1895. From this number must be deducted the amount of land included in town lots, the number of lots was 80,000 in round numbers, and allowing 1/2 of an acre for each town lot, which is a fair average, it appears that 10,000 acres are listed as town property, without reference to the measurement per acre. We then have a discrepancy of 3,061,452 acres between the number of acres of land contained in the State, and the number of acres listed for taxation. The conclusion is therefore forced, that there has been considerable laxity in the matter of getting the land on the tax list, or that the State owns more than 3,000,000 acres. From such records as are accessible, there is no way to conclude that the State owns so much territory. If we should grant that the State owns 1,000,000 acres, which is a very liberal estimate, there would still remain more than 2,000,000 acres unlisted. The average valuation of land according to the tax assessment in this State is about \$4.00 per acre. At this average, 2,000,000 acres of land are worth \$8,000,000, and a failure to list this land for taxation at the average value per acre shows a loss of taxation to the State and counties, under the present constitutional tax rate, of more than \$52,000 per year.

There are several facts that might prove interesting in connection with this particular matter of listing land. For instance, the minimum number of acres of land listed in any one year during the past ten years was 27,287,466 acres; this was in 1891. The maximum number of acres of land listed in any one year during the past ten years was 28,715,324; this was in 1888. These figures show a difference of 1,427,858 acres between the listing of one year and listing of another. It is impossible that land can get up and walk out of the State during the term of tax listing in one year and show itself for listing another year. It is therefore evident that there is some looseness in our system, or some laxity or incompetency on the part of those charged with the duty of primarily making up the tax list. If there are 28,700,000 acres of land in the State that can be listed in one year, under ordinary conditions that amount of land should appear on the tax list every year; but from 1885 to 1895, the differences from one year to another, or from one year to some other year, have ranged from 100,000 to nearly 1,500,000 acres. For the last seven or eight years there has been a gradual decrease of the number of acres of land listed, until the difference between the number in 1888 and 1895 amounted to about 700,000 acres; an area which would make five of our average size counties.

The failure to get this land on the tax book regularly from year to year (and if it appears thereon one year it should, generally speaking, appear thereon every year), entails a loss to the State's revenue which, under our low rate of taxation and the necessities and expenses of the government and public institutions, it can ill afford to lose.

VARIATION IN VALUATION.
A curious fact in connection with the listing of land for the past several years is the valuation at which it has been returned. For instance, in 1884 the number of acres of land returned was 28,468,

000 acres. It was valued at \$102,300,000. At this time land and real estate of every character was held to be worth more than any body holds it to be worth today, and yet, strange to say, in 1895 28,000,000 acres of land are valued at \$110,000,000. So according to the assessment or valuation which has prevailed, it appears that 28,400,000 acres of land were worth \$8,000,000 less in 1884 than 28,000,000 acres are worth in 1895. This, it seems to me shows some radical defect and irregularity in our system of assessment; for the State now to the other is that land is worth from 10 to 25 per cent. less in 1896 and 1897 than in 1884 and 1887.

If it should so happen in the valuation and assessment of land for 1897, or in the next general assessment under our present system, that the valuation of land should be made to correspond with the present general sentiment as to its comparative value, we would sustain in this particular alone a loss in taxable values of from ten to twenty five million dollars; and this at the present rate of taxation would mean a loss in State and county revenues of from \$63,000 to \$150,000 in one year.

The irregularities in listing, of course, begin in the counties, and it may be interesting to note some illustrations as to the differences that have occurred there. In doing this we will only notice the returns for the last four years, viz.: 1893, 1894, 1895, and 1896. For instance, one county (Alamance), returned for taxation in 1893, 234,000 acres; in '94, 231,000 acres; in '95, 235,000 acres; in '96, 265,000 acres, thus showing a difference between one year and another, during the past four years, of 34,000 acres in that county. The returns as a whole show an increased acreage of taxable land in that county.

I believe that there has been some legislation affecting the boundaries of this county and Chatham county. If the effect was to increase the area of Alamance, it is to be expected that there would be an increase in the number of acres returnable for taxation. But an increase in Alamance would naturally cause a decrease in Chatham's acreage, and we would expect Chatham to show a decrease in the subsequent reports. The fact is, however, that Chatham also reports an increase during the past four years of from four to six thousand acres, and instead of being able to account for the increase in Alamance on account of a change in boundary lines, if there was any, we find an aggravated case of irregularity in our system of listing, or an emphasis of something like carelessness or incompetency among those who made up the first returns and reported them to the county officials.

Another county (Cumberland), returned in 1893, 508,000 acres; in '94, 492,000 acres; in '95, 484,000 acres, and in '96 483,000 acres, showing a difference in one year and another during the past four years, of 25,000 acres. But this difference was a decrease. Similar instances could be cited from nearly every county but these will serve to illustrate the fact that something in our listing system needs looking after. Only one county (Tyrrell) in the state, during the past four years has returned a uniform number of acres for taxation every year. There have been some greater differences than those above noted. For instance, one county (Buncombe), returned about 40,000 acres of land in 1896 than in 1893. Another county (Guilford), returned about 40,000 more in '96 than in '93, so that the loss in the one county and the gain in another off set each other, and had no effect in changing the aggregate number of acres for 1896. If the county which gained made a correct report, and the return of '93 for the county which lost for '96 was correct, there ought to have been a net gain for those two counties of 40,000 acres.

The most remarkable difference in the number of acres during the past four years is shown by the western county (Henderson); the number returned in 1893 being 192,000 acres; in '94, 240,000 acres; in '95, 202,000 acres, and in '96, 260,000 acres. While this county shows a gain of 68,000 acres in four years, it has had no material effect on the aggregate number of acres of land returned, for losses in other counties show a decrease of more than 200,000 acres of land between the years of '93 and '96.

If, for the year 1897, each county would return as large a number of acres as it has ever returned in any one year for the past five or six years, the grand aggregate would unquestionably reach close to thirty millions or more, and all possible increase in quantity may be needed to counteract a possible decrease in valuation.

If such irregularities as I have pointed out can occur under our existing system, with property that is always visible and stationary, and with records that ought to make it easy to account for any change involving a decrease or increase, is it not reasonable to suppose--in fact are we not driven to think, if not to know, that much greater irregularities can occur and will occur with property that is not visible--such property as franchises, stocks, bonds, mortgages, notes, money and other personal property?

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From the Mountains of Virginia.

EDITOR PATRIOT:--Bath county in Virginia is noted both for the variety and health-restoring qualities of its mineral waters. Here are the Hot and the Warm Springs, about five miles distant the one from the other, and connected by a road of unsurpassed excellence, leading through a beautiful valley. Both these are the resort of pleasure and health-seekers from far and near. Here are Bath Alum Springs, once a noted place of resort, but now forsaken and in a state of decay. At Millboro depot there is a fine spring of chalybeate water, and in easy reach of Millboro Springs, a postoffice a little more than two miles from the railroad, and so named from its springs. These are sulphur, alkaline and alum waters. Near-by in an adjoining county are the famous Rock Bridge Alum Springs, whose attractions, I have been informed, have drawn as many as one thousand visitors at one time. The same county that contains the latter, contains also the far-famed Natural Bridge, which has been the theme of writers both great and small. Bath county is also emphatically a mountainous region. Here is a wilder, sublimity and majesty connected with mountain scenery that never fail to move and interest the beholder. This is true whether you pursue the course of the mountain stream, often hedged in on either side by walls of great height, or standing on some lonely eminence--lonely only in the sense that it towers above all surrounding objects--from which you have a view far and near, the grandeur of which is indescribable. One who has never had an experience of this kind has no conception of the emotions which are kindled by such views. I will remember how forcibly the sentiment expressed in Psalms 144: 1 was impressed upon my mind when, in such a position, one of these vast panoramas burst upon my vision for the first time, and every subsequent view of a similar nature has only strengthened this first impression. I have never been in sympathy with the few whom I have heard express themselves as growing weary of mountain scenery. The ever changing view with every change of position in the beholder cannot fail to move and interest any one who in the slightest degree is in sympathy with the grandeur and beauties of nature. I have heard it said of John Randolph that on one occasion when scenery of this nature lay before him, he was so impressed with its grandeur that he turned to his servant and said, "John, if any one tells you there is no God, tell him he is a liar."

It is indeed a luxury to breathe the pure air, drink the pure water, enjoy the scenery of the mountains, and then at night lie down and sleep comfortably under one, two and sometimes three coverings, without any fear of having your slumber disturbed by either the song or the sting of the persistent mosquito. But notwithstanding the enjoyment afforded by a temporary sojourn in the mountains, for a home give me dear old Greensboro. It may be because I am a stupid Tar Heel, but I have failed utterly to see the boasted superiority of either the Virginia partridge of people over those of North Carolina. The Virginia partridge, just as in North Carolina, sometimes calls, "Oh, Bob White," and sometimes simply "Bob White," and I think it requires just as great a strain of the imagination to see the superiority in the one case as in the other. Here, as elsewhere, are found hot and the cold, the refined and the true and the false, the worthy and the unworthy of confidence, the wise and the otherwise, those whose noble and lovely qualities draw and those whose opposite traits repel, and so on through all the good and bad characteristics that pertain to mankind.

I will now close with the mention of a few of the natural curiosities of Bath county. Near Windy Cave church is a cave of considerable extent, which has a place in history and is known as the Blowing Cave, from whose entrance a strong current of air rushes so cold that when I first encountered it I involuntarily drew back for fear of evil consequences, being at the time in a somewhat heated condition. A few miles distant from this point a stream of water gushes from the hillsides, which runs a short and saw mill, situated only a short distance from its source. In the last place, there is in this county a slate rock in sufficient quantity to supply the world with slate for school purposes and it could be worked without waste of material; but it is of a brittle and crumbling quality, and cannot be utilized in this way. The fact that it crumbles so easily, however, makes it well suited to road-making, it only being necessary to throw it upon the roads in its lump state, when the wheels and horses' feet soon grind it fine, making a road smooth as smooth and hard as concrete. It is a pleasure to travel over the graded mountain roads made in this way. J. C. WHARTON.

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In this connection I should be glad for you to publish the fact that the local tax if levied throughout the townships in the county would amount to about \$3,500 a year and in three years not only gain the first county to be voted in favor of that cause, \$50 a year for three years, since the State will duplicate the amount levied under the vote or the amount given by private subscription in any township.

The town of Greensboro was the first town in North Carolina to levy the local tax for public schools and it would be greatly to the credit of the county if the township would send to this county more than \$10,000.

Guilford is the only county in the state now having two towns with graded schools, which are never present without local taxation. Greensboro and High Point, as well as other townships in the county, if Guilford county should be the leader in this educational movement, which is sure to sweep the State within the next five years. By taking the first county to be voted in favor of that cause, \$50 a year for three years, since the State will duplicate the amount levied under the vote or the amount given by private subscription in any township.

Such opportunities do not come often, and if the people of Greensboro and Guilford county will look to their own interest they will organize the county and carry the election for schools in August.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES D. McIVER,
Greensboro, July 29.

A Thousand Millions Rise

Since the middle of May, within two months, the stocks listed on the New York exchange have had an average rise of 5 cents on the dollar. Some have advanced twice that much, and a few have had no movement at all. The railroads known as the Grangers have led the long upward and persistent movement on account of the fine crop prospects in the West. The leader of this group, St. Paul, which is largely held in London, has now touched the highest price reached within ten years, a period that covers the last boom.

One cent on the dollar of all the New York listed stocks is figured to be about \$200,000,000. Therefore an average advance of 5 cents for the whole list means a rise of what is coming to be called a billion, or a thousand millions. The only way the mind can grasp this vast sum is to reflect that it is about equal to the national debt.

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