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A THOROUGHLY VICIOUS PRINCIPLE.

We have lately written about the proposed European combinations against this country, the object being to check the progress that American producers are making in European markets...

Table with columns: Country, Duty per bushel, Wheat, Rye, Cent.

The ostensible object of these duties is to protect the producers of wheat and rye, while there is not a single one of the countries which levy them that produces enough of either for home consumption...

American wheat cannot be produced and delivered in European markets for much less than a dollar a bushel and it is against such a price as this that the European farmers ask protection...

At the present time there is an agrarian agitation in Germany for an increase of the duty on wheat from 23.6 cents a bushel to 44 cents...

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ing against the protection which the manufacturers demand. They know that this means tribute put upon them for the benefit of the manufacturers, entirely forgetful of the fact that the tariff on wheat is a tribute put upon the manufacturers...

Doesn't this show the utter selfishness of this whole protective system, when carried to extremes, for the sole purpose of protection, regardless of the needs of revenue? Those of us who have been advocating protection in this country for protection's sake are not in a position to criticize foreign Governments for pursuing the same course...

HANNA AGREES WITH CLEVELAND. Senator Hanna agrees with Mr. Cleveland on the extension of the tenure of office for our Presidents and for substantially the same reasons advanced by Mr. Cleveland...

"It is a good business proposition to extend the term of the next President to 6 years, or longer, and then limit him to that one term. Such a procedure would avoid the disturbance of business relations which now comes every four years and would do away with a lot of useless agitation..."

The subject of the extension of the tenure of office and one term for our Presidents has been agitated more or less for years, and every argument pro and con advanced before Cleveland said a word about it.

It has been said that six years would be too long a term for a bad President, but it wouldn't be as long as two terms of four years, and the President who is in, if he is a clever manipulator, and the people do not become disgusted, stands a pretty good chance for a second term.

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TAX EXAMINATION.

Another Dull Day in Standing Master Shepherd's Court Here Yesterday.

NO RAILROAD WITNESSES.

Cost Line Officials Will Be Examined Later—New Hanover Citizens Were Introduced—Also Some from Brunswick and Columbus.

The evidence in the railway tax assessment case before Standing Master Shepherd in the U. S. court room here was again devoid of interest yesterday and the ginger that was expected to have been injected into the sessions by reason of the introduction of Atlantic Coast line officials as witnesses, was lacking. It was thought that Secretary and Treasurer James F. Post, General Auditor W. A. Riach and others would be introduced in the afternoon but it was found by the attorneys of the Corporation Commission that the examination of other witnesses could not be completed in time. It is now hardly probable that the examination of the railroad officials will be reached to day.

It was hoped by the State's counsel to finish the hearing here this evening, but it looks now as if this will not be done, and the hearing at Warsaw to-morrow and Saturday may have to be postponed. Col. Hinsdale, when asked about the matter last night, said he was unprepared as yet to make any announcement regarding the matter. To day's session will likely be taken up with the examination of New Hanover county assessors and others acquainted with real estate conditions here.

The examination was resumed at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning and was conducted by Messrs. Hinsdale, Connor and Gore for the State and Messrs. Ewatt, Shaw and Eubank for the railroads. The first witness was Mr. R. B. Davis, port warden of Southport. He testified to a true and over valuation of a large number of lots in his town. Messrs. Minus Meares, A. A. Williams, T. E. Bardin, J. M. Brown, S. W. Owen, M. W. Kridgen, Snowden Singletary and Charles Gore, assessors from Columbus county, were also introduced and testified to similar conditions in their county.

In the afternoon New Hanover witnesses were called, of which there are about fifteen or twenty, including the railroad officials, who have been subpoenaed. Only two of this number were, however, examined yesterday. They were Mr. J. T. Kerr, of Cape Fear township, and Mr. D. McEachern, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Kerr was an assessor in 1899 and was also at one time a member of the General Assembly of North Carolina. He testified to a uniform rule of undervaluation, and the purpose of himself and his co-assessors to value real estate at its actual cash valuation. Upon cross examination he gave instances of the sale of real estate at a much higher price than the tax valuation, but gave reasons, in his opinion, for the seemingly inflated purchase figures.

Mr. McEachern testified that he was a member of the board of equalization in 1899 and an assessor in 1895; that as an assessor then, he tried to assess property at its true value in money; that in his opinion the assessors in 1899 greatly increased a number of the valuations in Wilmington; that the board of equalization greatly reduced the assessment on a great many tracts of real estate in Wilmington to nearer what the members of the board deemed an actual cash value.

He detailed a number of valuable lots in Wilmington, which he considered now over assessed. He said the purpose of the board in assessing back stock was to place it at actual cash value and not to make an arbitrary under assessment; that he had no knowledge of any design or purpose by the assessors or board of equalization to under-assess property.

Mr. McEachern was rigidly cross examined by the railroad attorneys and admitted that a number of Wilmington citizens had valued their personal property at a very low figure when considered in the light of cost price, but not with reference to what it could be sold for, at cash sale. He further stated that he thought there was more cash on hand and on deposit than had been listed for taxation in the county.

Some of the other witnesses from New Hanover county for examination are Deputy Register of Deeds Jno. McLaurin, Messrs. Andrew Smith, Geo. Harris, A. D. Brown, W. F. Alexander, C. H. Alexander, D. J. Ferguson and Capt. Jno. Barry.

The hearing will be resumed this morning at the usual hour.

Regulators at Mount Olive. The A. C. L. northbound train Monday night, in charge of Capt. H. O. McArthur, was boarded by about twenty masked men as it was leaving a short way from the town the men pulled the bell cord, stopped the train and took from the colored passenger coach a negro, who was wanted for hay stealing in that vicinity and who was thought to have been one of the originators of the several fires which have occurred in Mount Olive in recent years. The negro was taken into the forest and given a sound thrashing. Later in the night the crowd returned to Mount Olive and took their first victim's brother, who was also said to be guilty of incendiary language, and he, too, was given a substantial whipping.

MR. JOSHUA G. WRIGHT DEAD

Secumbed to an Illness Which Had Been Preying Upon His Constitution for Years—A Long and Useful Business Career.

The STAR chronicles this morning with a sincere feeling of the deep loss the city has sustained, the death of Mr. Joshua Grainger Wright, which occurred at his home in Wilmington, corner Eighth and Market streets, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock after a lingering illness brought about by three severe strokes of paralysis suffered at intervals during the past eight years.

The cause of Mr. Wright's immediate death was pneumonia but the effects of paralysis were plainly seen to have contributed largely to his sad demise. He suffered his first stroke about eight years ago and several years ago another, and about a year ago still another. At one time last March his life was despaired of but he rallied and appeared some better. His death Sunday, while not wholly unexpected, nevertheless came as a shock to the family and the community at large.

Mr. Wright was born in Wilmington, April 17th, 1840 and was therefore, in the sixty first year of his age. His parents were the late lamented Dr. Thos. H. and Mrs. Mary Allen Wright, and he was born at the old family homestead on the southwest corner of Third and Market streets. He was the last of a large family of brothers and sisters, who traced their ancestry to colonial times, Joshua Grainger, one of the founders of Wilmington, having been the head of the family. Deceased was the fifth of the succeeding family which bore the name of his distinguished father. When a young man Mr. Wright graduated from the University of North Carolina and upon the breaking out of the Civil War he hastened to join the Confederacy and it was made early in the struggle first lieutenant of Company E, First N. C. Regiment. At Chancellorsville, while fighting bravely for his country, he received a wound from which he never fully recovered and was forced to retire from the active service which so conspicuously marked his earlier career.

After the war, Mr. Wright began his career in real life as agent of the Southern Express Company in this city, but gave that place up to take a position with Messrs. Williams & Murchison, which position he filled with great credit for 18 years. At the end of this period he formed the well known real estate agency which still bears his name and which is now being successfully conducted by his son, Mr. Thomas H. Wright under the firm name of J. G. Wright & Son.

Mr. Wright married Miss Florence Maffitt, a daughter of the late Capt. Jno. N. Maffitt and she preceded him to the grave several years ago. The surviving members of the immediate family are Mr. James A. Wright, Mr. John M. Wright, Mr. Thomas A. Wright, Mrs. R. H. Northrop and Miss Carrie Wright.

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Duplin People in Mississippi. Mr. W. W. Sellers, who has been for some time past with Messrs. T. & F. Sessoms at Kloadite, N. C., was here yesterday on his way to Cuscut, Miss., to take position with Messrs. J. A. and A. S. Carr, extensive turpentine operators and merchants at that place. Mr. J. A. Carr, one of the proprietors of the business and a cousin of Wilmington's esteemed townsman, J. O. Carr, Esq., was also here yesterday on his return to Mississippi after spending the holidays at his old home in Duplin county. Mr. H. C. Carr, another former citizen of Duplin who has achieved success in Mississippi, was here yesterday returning to his adopted home.

The well known law firm of Messrs. Simmons, Pou & Ward, has been dissolved. A new firm, composed of Senator-elect Simmons & A. D. Ward, Esq., will have offices at Raleigh and Newbern, and James H. Pou, Esq., will remain in the practice of his profession also at Raleigh.

Interesting Rumor from Greensboro Regarding Purchase of Property. (Special to News & Observer.) GREENSBORO, N. C., Jan. 1.—There is apparently some truth in the rumor of the sale of the Mt. Airy and Sanford divisions of the Southern Railway to the Norfolk and Western, wired to the News and Observer from this place last night, though it is impossible to learn the details. A gentleman who is well up in railroad matters said to-day that, in his opinion, the sale if it is such a thing, is the result of an understanding or pooling arrangement said to have recently been entered into in New York between the Southern, the Seaboard Air Line, the Atlantic Coast Line, the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore and Ohio, the Norfolk and Western, and probably other roads. In his opinion, this particular division of the Southern is to be operated by the Norfolk and Western on account of the peculiar construction of the road, convenience and economy coming into consideration.

Raleigh Post: Mr. John Greenwood and daughter, members of one of Surry county's best families, were carried to the Morganton Hospital Tuesday night. Four men had them in charge. Mr. Greenwood and two of his daughters became violently ill at the same hour a few days ago. The elder daughter died soon after the attack. The other two, it is believed, are being ravaged by some disease and it is necessary to restrain them by force from killing some one. The two physicians attending them are of the opinion that their insanity is caused by religious excitement.

Five trainmen were killed and one badly injured in a head on collision between two freight trains on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroad at Melton, Miss., last night.

MAL-NUTRITION

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TO ATTEND INAUGURATION.

Wilmington Light Infantry Decided to Go to Raleigh January 15th—Naval Reserves and Veterans.

The indications now are that Wilmington will be well represented at Governor Aycock's inauguration in Raleigh on January 15th. It has been definitely decided by the Wilmington Light Infantry to accept the invitation to attend and participate in the ceremonies of the occasion; the Naval Reserves are also individually considering the matter of being present; the talk among quite a large number of Confederate Veterans is that it would be very appropriate and pleasing for Cape Fear Camp to attend in a body, and the general impression prevails that a much larger delegation of civilians will attend the exercises this term than ever before.

A meeting of the W. L. I. was held last night at the armory and while all the members were not present, it was decided to go. The meeting was held after the usual drill by Capt. Adrian and was very enthusiastic. The company will likely go on a special train.

The Naval Reserves, as a division, have not yet met for a consideration of the invitation to them to attend, but will meet Tuesday night after regular drill. Lieutenant Skelving, commanding, is quoted as having expressed himself favorably inclined toward an acceptance.

The question with the veterans of attending will likely come up at a special meeting, if it is seen that desire to go is expressed by a majority of the members of Cape Fear Camp.

CAUGHT AT THEIR GAME.

Two Colored Youths Arrested on Suspicion of Stealing from a Store. Yesterday morning about 2 o'clock Policeman E. R. Chadwick, while passing the store of Mr. J. W. H. Fuchs, corner of Front and Orange streets, saw a negro boy moving around the back part of the store. The boy saw him and quickly disappeared. The officer immediately notified Capt. John J. Furlong and Sergeant Davis and Williams at the City Hall of his discovery and they, with Mr. Chadwick, went to the rear of the building and effected an entrance into the oyster room in the basement. There they found two colored boys about fourteen years of age lying down pretending to be asleep. Their names are Albert Howe and William Spencer, and are employed by Mr. Smith, who had given them permission to sleep there.

It was found that one of the boys had climbed up into the store through a hole in the floor 7x12 inches, which is used as a kind of elevator for sending oysters etc., up stairs.

The boys were taken to the City Hall and locked up. Their case will come up before the Mayor this morning.

Chief Parmelee suggests to all merchants that they keep lights burning in their stores at night so that policeman may be able to see any one moving around in them.

POSSIBLE RAILROAD DEAL.

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PORT'S SHIPPING INTERESTS.

Report of Harbor Master Makes Creditable Showing for the Year Just Ended. Commerce Increased.

The annual report of Capt. Edgar D. Williams, harbor master, for the year just ended shows arrivals of vessels of 90 tons and over at the port of Wilmington as follows: American—Steamships 57, tonnage, 70,138; barges 4, tonnage, 2,739; brig 6, tonnage, 1,969; barges 89, tonnage, 29,156; schooners 82, tonnage, 25,639. Total vessels, 178; total tonnage, 139,619.

Foreign—Steamships 36, tonnage, 61,177; barges 32, tonnage, 18,847; brig 2, tonnage, 514; schooners 83, tonnage, 2,728. Total vessels, 83; total tonnage, 82,766. Grand total—Vessels, 261; tonnage, 212,385.

The report shows a very material increase in the shipping interests of the port over the year 1899 both as to foreign and American vessels loaded at the port and the increase in foreign craft was 20 in favor of the year just ended. There was in this connection a notable increase in the entrance of foreign tramp steamships, the difference being 9 in this class, 7 in barges, 1 in brig and 3 in schooners. As to American vessels, the difference in favor of 1900 was 8 barges, 5 brigs, 1 barge and 8 schooners. There was a slight falling off in the arrival of American steamships.

The tonnage of American ships that entered the port in 1900 was, however, over 9,000 tons in excess of 1899, and that of foreign vessels over 20,000 in excess.

The current report compares almost equally as favorable with the reports for the years 1897 and 1898, and upon the whole, business men of Wilmington have every reason to be proud of the figures showing exhibited.

Capt. Williams' report for the month of December shows arrivals of 17 American vessels, of a net tonnage of 18,413, and 7 foreign vessels, of a tonnage of 6,276, making a grand total of 24 vessels, of 18,689 tons.

Our Greatest Specialists. For twenty years Dr. J. Newton Hathaway has so successfully treated chronic diseases that he is acknowledged to day to stand at the head of his profession in this line. His exclusive method of treatment for Varicose Veins and Stricture without the aid of knife or cautery cures in 90 per cent. of all cases. In the treatment of Leucorrhoea, Nervous Disorder, Kidney and Urinary Complaints, Catarrh of the Bladder, Rheumatism, Catarrh of the Prostate, Gonorrhea, Syphilis and Diseases peculiar to women, he is equally successful. Cases pronounced hopeless by other physicians, readily yield to his treatment. Write him to-day fully about your case. He makes no charge for consultation or advice, either in person or by mail.

J. NEWTON HATHAWAY, M. D., 22 1/2 South Broad St., Atlanta, Ga.

The Chief Justice.

Local politicians were amusing themselves yesterday with conjecture of Governor Russell's probable action in the appointment of a successor to the late Chief Justice Faircloth. The most interesting surmise was that Russell would resign as Governor and be appointed to fill the position, which lasts two years longer, by the new Governor Reynolds. Other possibilities mentioned in this connection are Chas. A. Cook, Robinson, Timberlake, Elynn, Linney, Furches and Judge A. M. Moore, of the Eastern District Criminal Court, whose term expires this month.

Governor Aycock Here.

Governor-elect Chas. B. Aycock, of Goldsboro, arrived in the city last evening from his home and is being greeted by his admirers here at The Orton, where he is a guest. Governor Aycock came down to conduct with a number of the distinguished North Carolina attorneys, who are in attendance upon the railway tax assessment cases before Judge Shepherd. The business upon which Gov. Aycock is here, is of a private character. He will probably return to Goldsboro this morning.

Friends of the State Baptist Female University will be interested in the announcement that the late Chief Justice Faircloth left that institution \$30,000. It is presumed that this amount will be used, when available, toward the extinguishment of the \$45,000 debt upon the buildings, etc.

A Night of Terror.

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Senator Ransom, of Omaha, has introduced in the State Senate of Nebraska a bill to make kidnapping under certain conditions punishable by death.

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POPULAR EDUCATION.

The Citizens of Columbus County Aroused on That Subject. Last Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1900, a strong delegation of the leading men of Columbus county met in the town of Chadbourn for the purpose of taking steps to secure a better system of public schools for the entire county. The following has been furnished by the Secretary who recorded the proceedings of the meeting:

"The County Board of School Directors for Columbus County and the Township Trustees with Mr. J. A. Brown, Senator elect, met in the office of Mr. Brown Dec. 26, 1900 and organized by electing Rev. J. A. Smith Chairman of Board Directors, chairman of the meeting of Dec. 26, 1900, secretary. Parties present at the meeting were Rev. J. A. Smith, Rev. J. E. L. Wincoff, Superintendent L. W. Stanley C. W. Brown, Thomas Barefoot, M. F. Owen, Snowden Singletary, F. D. Page, L. R. Powell, Rev. C. P. Bullock, A. F. Williams, K. L. Lone and A. F. Leach.

The chairman stated that the object of the meeting was to advise with the Legislative members to inaugurate better plans for the public school system. It was resolved to discuss first, the advisability of compulsory education. After a full and free discussion of the general bearing of the question it was unanimously agreed to recommend compulsory education for children between the ages of 6 and 12 years. It was resolved, second, that the next Legislature soon to assemble would be requested to submit to the voters of Columbus county as to whether or not a special school tax shall be levied for said county of not less than ten cents nor more than thirty cents on the one hundred dollars worth of property, to lengthen the term and increase the efficiency of the public schools, said election to be held not later than May 15th, 1901.

It was agreed, also, that the County School Directors be appointed as heretofore. The meeting also unanimously favored the adoption of text books for public schools by a State Board of Examiners. It was also agreed to publish the proceedings of this meeting in the county papers and others.

The object of the meeting has been heard against these suggestions has been in regard to the matter of compulsory education, but when our people understand the question there will be a radical change in sentiment. It is alarming here in North Carolina to think of the carelessness and indifference of parents in regard to the education of their children, and the remedy which is being used in many of the States is compulsory education. Quoting from suggestions made by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to the Legislature: "All of the New England States have compulsory education. All of the Middle Atlantic States except Missouri have compulsory attendance laws. All of the Rocky Mountain and Pacific States and Territories, except New Mexico have compulsory laws." According to a list given us by Mr. Mebane North Carolina has no State of its grand possibilities ought to have, and the time has come for the people to be aroused as never before upon the subject of popular education.

HOUSE PARTY NEAR WARSAW.

Young People Delightfully Entertained at Home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Peirce. (Special Star Correspondence.)

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