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MAIL CLOSES
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ETHELBERT HULL, S. P. M.

Board of City Council met last night. Proceedings in our next.

License tax has been reduced, boys. Now is the time to get up a cheap wedding.

Freshet in the Neuse, and the water is no longer in a condition to suit croakers.

An accident occurred at the cotton factory yesterday and one of the female operatives was wounded about one of her hands.

We call attention to the advertisement of City Tax Collector Hancock, in reference to dogs. After to-day the war on dogs will commence. All owners who do not procure badges will be indicted for the failure to do so.

A happy excursion party, the Board of Trade and Press of this city, will exult to Morehead this morning to enjoy a mouthful of the delightful and healthful sea breeze. The entire party is under obligation to the affable and efficient President of the Board, Col. Thos. A. Green, through whose invitation they are enabled to enjoy the treat. We learn President Green intends to have the tables at Morehead groaning with every delicacy both noon and night and that he is going to make his friends enjoy the trip. The train will leave Newbern from corner South Front and Hancock streets, at 8 o'clock A. M.

Died.

In this city, Monday, August 2nd, 1880, MARY, infant daughter of Sam'l R. Street, Jr., of Newbern. The funeral took place yesterday morning from Christ Church, this city.

Near Bayboro, Pamlico Co., N. C., July 28, 1880, Britton Sawyer, in the 81st year of his age.

Commissioners and Magistrates.

The Board of Commissioners and Justices of the Peace of Craven county, met at the Court House in Newbern, N. C., on Monday, Aug. 2, 1880, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Commissioners present: Jas. A. Bryan, chairman; Thos. H. Mallison, S. W. Latham, and James W. Biddle.

Justices of the Peace present: W. G. Brinson; William Hay, E. G. Hill, Thos. Stanly, Edward Bull, C. M. Edwards, James H. Hunter, James Campbell, Jas. A. Ernall, E. F. Carraway, W. H. Ellson, W. D. Pettipfer, C. F. Wetherington, S. B. Gaskill, Jesse Brooks, O. H. Perry, Wm. Foy, Enoch Wadsworth, Edward S. Street, E. R. Dudley, Alex. Bass, Josiah Taylor, Samuel S. Perkins, Cicero Green.

The following Report of James A. Bryan, Esq., the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, relative to the financial affairs of the county, was presented, and on motion, the

same was accepted and ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the Board of Commissioners and Board of Magistrates and published; and it was further ordered, that the thanks of the Magistrates be tendered to the present Board of Commissioners for the faithful, economical and efficient manner in which they have managed the affairs of this county, to wit:

To the Magistrates of Craven County:

GENTLEMEN—This being the day appointed by law for the election of Commissioners of the county, and consequently of the successors of the present and outgoing Board, I deem it not improper as Chairman of that Board, to submit to you the following report:

Expenses of the county for 1878, under our predecessors, were..... \$15,375.04
Expenses of the county for 1879, under the present Board, were..... 13,471.30
A reduction of..... 2,903.74

In the above is included the extra cost of an assessment of the property of the county compelled to be made by act of the General Assembly, and amounting to..... \$ 451.00
But for which the expenses for 1879, would have been \$ 3,854.74
Less than in 1878.

By a computation of the expenses up to July 27, they amount to..... 10,069.20
Until the 31st of August, the end of the fiscal year, it is thought the outlay will not exceed..... 500.00

Which will make them for the present year..... \$10,569.20
A reduction of..... 4,806.84
from the expenses of 1878.
The taxes for 1877 and 1878 under our predecessors, were, on the \$100 valuation..... 1,91.3
For 1879, under present Board..... 141.3

A reduction of..... 50 cts.
or over one-fourth.
The taxes levied in 1877 amounted to..... \$44,274.40
The taxes levied in 1878 amounted to..... 43,308.48
The taxes levied in 1879, on \$189,080 increased valuation..... 25,670.29
A reduction from tax of 1878 of..... 7,737.19
And a reduction from tax of 1878 of..... 8,644.11
The tax levied for the debt in 1877 was..... 25,958.56
The tax levied for the debt in 1878 was..... 25,454.03
The tax levied for the debt in 1879 was..... 16,765.50
A reduction from 1878 of... 8,688.53
And a reduction from '77 of 9,193.06

This year, if the funding of the debt is completed, there will be required to meet the interest thereon, and to create a sinking fund of \$5,000, for the extinguishment of the principal, the sum of... 13,700
A reduction from the sum levied in 1878 of..... 11,754.03
And from the sum levied in 1877 of..... 12,178.56

I would recommend however, to your honorable body, in view of the fact that a great deal of property is sold annually to the State and pays no taxes whatever, that a tax for the debt of not less than \$14,000 be levied. By judicious management in funding the floating debt, many thousands of dollars should be saved to the County, and the tax of \$13,700 now required for interest and sinking fund, should, after this year be materially reduced.

The average number of paupers at the Poor House has been largely decreased. In 1877 and '78 it was about 45 to 60; in 1879 and '80 it has been about 25 to 35. The number of persons, and I may as well

call them paupers, as they are almost destitute, outside of the poor house, who receive assistance from the county is, men, women and children, about 35, costing the county at the present time 702.00 per annum, or at that rate.

It has been the policy of the board to discourage applicants seeking admission to the Poor House, finding the cost of supporting them when kept with their friends, to be about one-fifth only, of the cost of keeping them at the Poor House, and for this reason there are now but few inmates of that institution not absolutely destitute, and needing constant medical attention.

To meet the necessary and unavoidable expense of building a new Jail to replace the one destroyed by an incendiary fire in January last, a tax of 20 cents on the \$100 valuation will be required, which for reasons stated relative to the tax necessary for the debt, the sale of so much property annually to the State, and consequent non-payment of taxes thereon, will yield, it is thought, not to exceed \$4,000. The contract has been awarded to Milton Harding, Esq., of Goldsboro, at \$4,300. The old brick taken from the walls of the old jail, are to be used as far as possible, for which he is to allow the County \$6 per M. This will give the County about \$600, which with \$4,000, the sum to be raised by taxation, makes \$4,600, showing an apparent surplus of \$300, which, however, for the reasons above stated, the non-payment by certain persons of their taxes, it is thought will be required to complete the work. But any surplus that may exist, will, of course, be covered into the Treasury of the County. The Jail is to be completed, and ready for occupation, on the first day of December next.

In view of the fact that the lease of Mr. Stanly's building, does not expire until 1884, and of the further fact, that the taxes are as onerous as the people can well bear, the Commissioners have deemed it expedient to take no steps for the present, toward the erection of a Court House.

The Commissioners have been exacting, but not over scrupulous, as has been said, in taking the official bonds of the different officers of the county. They are made the sole judges of the fitness and solvency of these bonds, required in effect, to become sureties to the same, and if it can be shown that they knowingly accept an insolvent or insufficient obligation, they are held personally liable for any defalcations which may occur. They have felt themselves constrained, therefore, and particularly so, being aware that the Clerk of the Superior Court is liable at any moment, to have control of the funds of the orphans of the county, not merely for the protection of the county, but for their individual safety, to require the best and strongest bonds which could be obtained.

For this reason Mr. D. N. Kilburn, former Treasurer of this county, having failed to present such a bond as they felt justified in accepting, in fact, having failed to have his bondsmen justify to the amount required by law, his office was declared vacant, and the present efficient incumbent, Mr. Thos. J. Latham appointed Treasurer.

The Commissioners wish it dis-

tinctly understood, that in rejecting some of the bonds presented for their acceptance, they intended no reflection upon the honor or integrity of any official. It is their province to decide, not upon the moral character or fitness of those elected to office, but to judge of the solvency and sufficiency of the bonds which those parties may offer for the faithful performance of, and security of the trusts and moneys committed by the people to their keeping, and to accept or reject those bonds, impartially and fearlessly, as their judgment, assisted by knowledge or evidence, may dictate.

But for the fact that they have been unjustly censured, and in some instances maligned by reason of their action in regard to those bonds, the Commissioners would not desire the matter mentioned in this report, and simply lay it before your honorable body, in order that you, and through you, the people, may know their true position.

The funding of the county debt, by which, although only partially completed, the taxes have already been reduced 50 cents on the \$100 valuation, or more than one-fourth, has been attended with great trouble and vast labor. In some instances it has been a matter of exceeding difficulty to induce the holders of judgments to give the subject even serious consideration; and I feel fully warranted in saying, that but for the personal influence of individual members of the Board of Commissioners, mandamus, amounting in the aggregate to about \$55,000 would not have been funded at all, and that at this meeting you would have been compelled to levy a tax 25 per cent. greater than that now required.

The entire debt, when funded, will not exceed \$145,000, which although having 30 years to run, by proper and judicious management of the sinking fund of \$5,000 per annum, buying and compromising therewith the bonds, and at all times investing it in the principal, can be paid off in a much shorter time, and the taxes can, during the same period, be gradually decreased.

I will also state in this connection, that if the A. & N. C. R. R. is leased for \$30,000 per annum, net cash, that in 14 years its entire debt, principal and interest, will be paid off, and that the proportion of that sum which thereafter will be paid to Craven county as a dividend upon its stock will exceed two thousand dollars annually. This will give to its stock a cash value of \$40 to \$50,000, and by that time, with prudent management, the debt of the county should not greatly, if at all, exceed that amount, when by a sale of the stock, now almost valueless, the entire debt can be paid off, and the county once more free and unencumbered, its taxes ought not to exceed for every county purpose, 40 cents on the \$100 valuation.

The county Treasury is to-day in better condition than it has been since the war. Holders of claims, for the first time in years, have been enabled to have them paid in cash, at their face value, 100 cents in the dollar, upon presenting them to the Treasurer. Interest on that portion of the debt which has been funded has been promptly paid, and funds are in hand to meet such coupons as may hereafter be presented.

The school fund, amounting to \$4,018.64, \$256.04 apportioned, \$3,762.00 not apportioned, has been provided for, and will be credited to the accounts of the different districts in time for the fall opening of the schools.

The Treasurer's accounts have been examined by the Finance Committee to the 31st day, inclusive, of July last; and I am pleased to state to you, that they have not only been found correct in every particular, but neatly and beautifully kept, and that he has in his hands, belong-

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D. BULL'S BABY SYRUP

Shingles! Shingles!
For sale in lots to suit: a full supply of 5 and 6 inch Cypress Shingles, Hearts and Saps, for building purposes. Will be sold low. Orders solicited.
ELIJAH ELLIS.

Call at Alex. Miller's and try some of the best Coshen Butter in the city, (at all times cool and firm. We keep our Butter in stone jars and packed in ice.) Also on hand, a choice article of North Carolina Vinegar, at 40 cents per gallon.

200 TONS SUMAC WANTED!

Highest market price in cash for a good quality Sumac, leaves free from stems, dirt and berries at all times and in any quantities. Parties who may have, during the coming season, sumac of the above description, will find it to their advantage to call on or address the subscriber. Bags furnished responsible parties. Call for circular, giving full directions. Also Rags, Bones, Scrap Iron, Metal, &c., bought in unlimited quantities.

JOHN H. WARDEN,
South Front street, near Middle Newbern, N. C.
Cut this out for future reference.

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!!

Another new, and cheap assortment of

- DRY GOODS,
- FANCY GOODS, Plain and Figured
- DRESS LAWNS AND PIQUES,
- GRASS CLOTHS, All colors;
- TRIMMINGS, Silk Handkerchiefs, all colors.
- Ladies' Misses' and Childrens' Fancy Hose,
- Silk and Cotton PARASOLS,
- FANS,
- Linen Cotton and Plush TOWELS,
- MOSQUITO NETTING, also good
- Linen Handkerchiefs, at 10 cents,
- Good Towels, at 10 cents per pair.

Together with a complete stock of Gents' Furnishing Goods, Just received at
W. SULTAN & CO'S.
WEINSTEIN BUILDING