

ASSESSING PROPERTY.

One of the most delicate and difficult duties that any public officials are called upon to discharge is that of properly and fairly assessing property for taxation.

No doubt there often is too much partiality in assessing property, and the State and counties lose a large amount of taxes because property is not assessed "at its true value" as the law directs.

The State Tax Commissioners shall, on or before the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and eleven, appoint one discreet freeholder of each county in the State, who shall be an experienced and practical business man, to be known as county assessors.

The county commissioners on the first Monday in April shall appoint in every township an assistant assessor, who shall list and assess the real and personal property in his township, beginning on the first day of May.

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WHISKEY ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Greensboro Daily News in last Sunday's issue announced editorially that it would no longer publish whiskey advertisements.

We commend the News for this high conception of journalistic ethics, and its action is the more commendable when the sacrifice it makes is considered, for of course it thus loses a large amount of money heretofore earned from such advertisements.

AN election was held in Raleigh on last Monday upon the question of adopting the commission form of municipal government and it was defeated by a large majority, over two to one.

We had hoped that our capital city, in which all the State should feel an interest, would show its progressiveness by adopting a form of government that has done so much for every city that has adopted it.

Asheville voted yesterday by the small majority of 20 against adopting the commission form of government. Thus far four cities in this State have voted on this question, Greensboro and Wilmington adopting it and Raleigh and Asheville rejecting it.

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To the new editor of the Gold Leaf, Mr. P. T. Way, we extend our cordial greetings and best wishes for much success.

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It Pays to Advertise.

From the Gaffney (S. C.) Ledger. Two farmers were not long since discussing their local paper. One thought it had too many advertisements in it. The other replied: "In my opinion the advertisements are far from being the least valuable part of it. I look them over carefully and save at least five times the cost of the paper each week through the business advantages I get from them."

Selling Stolen Stamps.

Wichita, Kan., March 19.—L. S. Nafziger, formerly president of the Fourth National bank of Wichita, was found guilty by a jury in the Federal court today of buying and selling stolen postage stamps.

Nafziger purchased stamps from Frank S. Burt, formerly chief of police here. The stamps were stolen from Kansas post-offices and sold to Burt by John Callahan of Wichita, who is under sentence for robbing the Milan, Kan., postoffice and also has been convicted of buying and selling postage stamps.

Wife Tried to Burn Him.

Salisbury, March 20.—Charging that his wife tied him fast to a bed while asleep and then set fire to the bed-clothes, Samuel Young, a tenant of a farm, five miles from Salisbury, came to town today in search of officers.

Is Cleaner Than Carpet.

Paint your floor around the border of the room with L. & M. Floor Paint. Costs about 50 cents. It gives a bright varnished finish. Cover the center of the room with your home made carpet rugs. Looks splendid. Get it from W. L. London & Son.

The final provisional census gives the population of India as 415,000,000. This is an increase of 20,500,000 as compared with 1901.

Has Millions of Friends.

How would you like to number your friends by millions as Buxton's Arnica Salve does? Its astounding cures in the past forty years made them. It's the best salve in the world for sores, ulcers, eczema, burns, boils, scalds, cuts, corns, sore eyes, sprains, swellings, bruises, cold sores. Has no equal for piles. 25c at G. R. Pilkington's.

Turpentine was sold last week at Savannah, Georgia, at 98 cents a gallon, the highest price on record.

Do you know that of all the minor ailments colds are by far the most dangerous? It is not the cold itself that you need to fear, but the serious diseases that it often leads to. Most of these are known as germ diseases. Pneumonia and consumption are among them. Why not take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and cure your cold while you can. For sale by all dealers.

Hon. William J. Bryan was 51 years old last Sunday.

If you have trouble in getting rid of your cold you may know that you are not treating it properly. There is no reason why a cold should hang on for weeks and it will not if you take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by all dealers.

Lewis West is to be electrocuted on the 5th day of May for killing Deputy Sheriff Mumford, of Wilson.

Kills a Murderer.

A merciless murderer is appendicitis with many victims, but Dr. King's Nephritis Pills kill it by prevention. They gently stimulate stomach, liver and bowels, preventing that clogging that invites appendicitis, curing constipation, headache, biliousness, chills. 25c at G. R. Pilkington's.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., March 17. There is much interest in diplomatic and political circles in Washington concerning a possible peace treaty between the United States and Great Britain, a treaty which will have the potential effect of an alliance, although it will not be known by that name.

Senator Root, of New York, who is chairman of the Carnegie peace foundation, for which ten millions of dollars were recently donated by Mr. Carnegie, will doubtless do everything in his power in the Senate to promote this peace entente.

As might be expected, the first kick against efforts at peace, comes from the irrepresible Irish section. John Dillon, an Irish member in Parliament, says the peace proposals make no provision for small nationalities struggling against injustice or seeking freedom, and he insisted that peace proposals were but combinations of mighty empires for the purpose of excluding others who would not submit to arbitration.

Congress will reassemble in two weeks, and there is of course much interest and speculation with reference to what it will do. It is assumed that the Canadian reciprocity treaty will be approved by the Senate and there is expectation that some of the important tariff schedules will be lowered, or that an effort will be made to lower them.

It is deplorable that politics must enter so largely into questions that should be purely economic and that both parties have heart and eyes askance on the presidency in every question that comes up for legislation. There is much speculation with reference to political divisions and combinations of insurgents and stand-patters, progressive and retrogressive Democrats.

The sensational retirement of Senator Bailey of Texas on the last day of the last session and his precipitate jump back into the Senate, it is thought, has considerably weakened such influence as he may have had with the Democratic minority. He was one of the "snags" that did not go on the 4th of March.

When you have rheumatism in your foot or instep apply Chamberlain's Liniment and you will get quick relief. It costs but a quarter. Why suffer? Sold by all dealers.

Mr. Gideon Vlek, a well-known planter of Nash county, fell dead while blowing his plow one day last week.

John W. Siekelsmith, Greensboro, Pa., has three children, and like most children they frequently take cold. "We have tried several kinds of cough medicine," he says, "but have never found any yet that did them as much good as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by all dealers."

Fertilizer advertisement for F. S. ROYSTER GUANO COMPANY. Includes text: "That there is more to a Fertilizer than Analysis is proven conclusively by the results obtained every year from Royster Fertilizers." and a list of factory and sales offices.

Advertisement for The Southern Cotton Oil Co. featuring a scale with weights labeled "ACID PHOSPHATE", "AMMONIA", and "POTASH". Text: "Don't risk home mixing unless you KNOW you can make your fertilizer uniform." and "The Southern Cotton Oil Company's brands of fertilizer are the standard of the South, machine mixed, government inspected and perfectly proportioned."

Advertisement for Union Live Stock Co. featuring an illustration of a horse and mule. Text: "HEADQUARTERS FOR HORSES AND MULES." and "PITTSBORO, N. C." and "Sanford, N. C."

Advertisement for East Carolina Teachers' Training School, GREENVILLE, N. C. Text: "Spring and Summer Courses for Teachers 1911" and "Spring Term, March 14 to May 20th—ten weeks."

Advertisement for Coffins and caskets by B. Nooe, Pittsboro, N. C. Text: "A full stock of Coffins and Caskets always on hand and sold at all prices. All kinds and sizes."

Advertisement for PATENTS by C. A. SNOW. Text: "The executive committee of the board of trustees of the State University will award the contract at once for the erection on the campus of the University at Chapel Hill a \$50,000 building for the schools of medicine and pharmacy."

Large advertisement for MILLER GUANO by W. L. London & Son. Text: "USE MILLER GUANO. If you want the BEST. Put up in the best sacks of any Guano on the market." and includes a detailed shipping schedule for Durham & Southern Railway.