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AMENDMENTS TO THE REVENUE LAW.

The special session of the General Assembly passed the following amendments to the laws of 1879 providing for the raising of revenue and for the levying and collection of taxes. Care has been exercised in the preparation of these changes:

CHAPTER 70, LAWS 1879.
Section 2, class 11, line 3, the words "before or" inserted between "act" and "since."

Section 10, Schedule B, amended, but not to take effect till July, nor to affect fiscal year ending Sept. 30. After that time, Equor dealers will pay 2 1/2 per cent. on amount of purchases, instead of 5 as now and \$2.50 per month, license tax, instead of \$5. Retailers of malt liquors only will then pay \$2 per month instead of \$3.

Section 18, same schedule, line 8, "twenty" is made to read "twenty-two."

Section 20, of this schedule, is amended by requiring those who buy and sell horses or mules as a business to pay a tax of one-half of one per cent. on amount of sales in each county, instead of an annual tax of \$5 for every county.

Section 22, same schedule, is improved by striking out useless verbiage, after the word "that," in line 13, down to, and including "viz." in line 16. In line 7, paragraph 2, of this section, all after "government" is stricken out, and the following inserted in its stead: "Nothing in this section shall prevent any person from freely selling under this section any live stock, vegetables, chestnuts, peanuts, fruits, oysters, milk, butter, fish, charts, maps, printed music, bibles, hymn books, or prayer books."

Same schedule, section 23, is amended by striking out \$50 for each county, as the annual tax required of itinerant lightning rod men, and substituting \$15.

In line 16, section 25, above schedule, "twenty-one" is stricken out and "twenty-two" inserted.

CHAPTER 71, LAWS 1879.
Section 9, sub-division 7, line 4, "medical" is stricken out and "musical" inserted.

Section 15, sub-division 4, relates to the \$25 exemption of personal property. [The opinion of a State officer exempts wearing apparel in addition to the above.]

Section 16 is amended so as to require the auditor no longer to furnish sheriffs with tax lists bound in book form with pasteboard backs.

Section 17 is amended by changing the time for the two assessors for the county at large to make a tour of the county from between the 20th of June and second Monday in August, to between the 20th of June and second Monday in July. The valuation of real estate made in 1879 stands until changed by law, unless in cases of appreciation or depreciation; but the assessors at large, with the assessors of each township, will equalize the valuation of all personal property, moneys and credits.

Section 18, as amended, fixes the second Monday in July as the time when the assessors in the townships shall return abstracts and the tax lists to the clerk of the commissioners.

Section 18 is made section 19, and the remaining sections renumbered consecutively. This section, as renumbered, is amended, and fixes the second Monday in July as the time for the county commissioners to meet with the assessors for the county at large for the purpose of revising the tax lists.

Section 30, as amended, makes it the duty of the clerk of the commissioners on or before the first Monday in November, after the lists are completed by the commissioners, as provided in section 19, renumbered, and deposited with him, to return to the auditor an abstract of the same.

Section 31, as renumbered, line 4, is amended by striking out "forty-one" and inserting "forty-two."

Section 45, renumbered, is stricken out, and a new section substituted. This section relates to the compensation of sheriffs on settlement, and is section 13 of chapter 40, laws special session 1880.

In line 20, section 47, as renumbered, the words "hand laid" should read "land bid."

A hungry youth named Lloyd Hopkins went to a wedding in eastern Virginia, devoured twenty-five molasses cakes and died next morning. The moral of this is—beware of too many "gungers," especially at night.

Remarkable Fate of Four Boys.

Columbia (S. C.) Register.

In 1853 four gentlemen entered their sons at a boarding school at Cokesbury, S. C. They had been for years intimate friends and clergymen in the Methodist Church. These boys remained at this school, room-mates and class-mates, and entered Wofford College, standing relatively first, second, third and fourth in a large class. They remained at this institution four years, were room-mates all the time, graduating relatively first, second, third and fourth. They then entered a law office at Spartanburg and studied law under the same chancellor. The war broke out, and at the call for troops they all entered Jenkins' rifle regiment from South Carolina and were mess-mates in the same company. Being near the same height they stood together as comrades in battle in this regiment. At the second battle of Manassas, August, 1864, a shell from the enemy's batteries fell in the ranks of this company, killed these four boys and none other in the company. They are buried on the same battle field and sleep together in the same grave. Their names were Capers, McSwain, Smith and Duncan, and they were the sons of Bishop Capers, Revs. Drs. McSwain and Smith, of South Carolina, and Rev. Mr. Duncan, of Virginia, the last being a brother of Rev. Dr. Duncan, of Randolph-Macon College.

A COURT OF PENSIONS.—The House has decided to hold a night session on Thursday night of next week to consider the bill introduced by Judge Geddes, of Ohio, to establish a court of pensions. Should the bill become a law, the flood of pension bills which now are sent to Congressmen by their constituents would be referred to the court, which is sought to be established, and the labors of Congressmen in respect to pension claims would be very materially lessened.

"HEAD US, SOMEBODY."—Years ago, when Rock Island, Ill., was a small village, and its people had lots of fun all to themselves, one sober and dignified citizen put his head under one end of a yoke and a little bull's under the other, to teach the animal how to be useful and work. When he found the bull was running away with him down a dirt road, towards a store around the country store on Illinois street, he measured sixteen feet at a jump, kept up with the bull, and yelled at the top of his voice: "Look out; here we come, darn our fool souls. Head us, somebody;" and when halted, and the yoke was being lifted from his neck, he yelled, "Unyoke the bull; never mind me—I will stand."

MURDER IN SAMPSON.—A gentleman who arrived here from Clinton, yesterday, reports that a murder was committed near that place a few days ago, but he did not ascertain the names of the parties to the tragedy. It seems, from what our informant could learn, that the two men, both white, have enjoyed the reputation of bullies in the neighborhood where they lived, and that in two personal encounters between them, one of them was pretty badly used up by the other. On the second occasion the defeated belligerent, who had been badly beaten, swore that if the other ever attempted such a thing again he would kill him. Another difficulty occurring between them subsequently to his threat, and the weaker one again getting the worst of the encounter, he hurried to his house, got his double-barrel gun and shot his antagonist to death.—*Wilmington Star.*

GARFIELD PREDICTS JUDGE FIELD.—I asked General Garfield whom he thought the Democrats would nominate after they got out of their present dilemma. He said: "I have thought they would nominate Judge Field, of the Supreme Court. He has some strong points in his favor, not possessed by the generality of their candidates. In the first place, he was an out-and-out war Democrat. Although of a Democratic family, they were all union men, and no one more so than he. The cry of copper-head cannot be raised against him. As soon as the war was over he took a Democratic position, and has almost uniformly written a dissenting opinion against the majority of the Supreme Court in favor of State rights and limited Federal powers. Then he has been sound on the currency. He took position for resumption, and maintained it throughout. The fact that Mr. Lincoln placed him on the Supreme bench is a testimonial to his purity of character and knowledge of the law."

STATE NEWS.

Both the Lincoln papers favor the nomination of Col. William Johnston for Congress.

Judge Avery could not hold court in Kinston on account of the derangement of the court papers caused by the recent fire in that town.

During recent revivals in the Baptist churches in Raleigh there have been 148 professions of religion, and the meetings still continue.

The *Monroe Express* relates the fact that a mule became frightened at the smell of guano and ran away—a mule, mind you. A son of Mr. Boston Belk was run over and very badly injured.

Candidates are announcing their names in the *Aurora* for the offices in the gift of the people of Cleveland county. It looks like there was going to be a free fight for the offices in that county.

Concord Sun: They say it is the effect of the fence law that our farmers have been buying fine imported stock. Every few days a box of pigs from Pennsylvania or New York, are received by express here for some farmer in the county.

Richmond Dispatch: A letter from Gaston, N. C., says that Capenart & Son, at their fishery on the south side of Albemarle sound, recently caught 19,000 shad in five days. The largest day's work was 5,877 shad, other fish not counted. The seines are worked by steam.

Charlotte Press: The *Democrat* of this city to-day thinks it would be well and advises that if Best, the receiver of the Western road from Governor Jarvis and the Legislature, fails to comply with his contract, the people should hang him on one of the mountain peaks as a warning to swindlers. Better to have put in the guarantees and save the ka-kluxing.

Morganton Blade: Brit Hawkins, the mocking bird songster of the South Mountains, has challenged several singing masters in Rutherford and Cleveland counties to sing on the top of Rich Mountain (the three counties of Rutherford, Cleveland and Burke corner on the top of this mountain). The challenge has been accepted, and the singing will be on the third Sabbath in May next.

Monroe Express: We copy the following from the *Farmer and Mechanic* and ask, is it true? It is the first information we have had of anything of the kind: "Report says Samuel J. Pemberton, Esq., may not unlikely be an independent candidate for Congress in Steele's district. He has been very successful in getting office hitherto from the old Democratic phalanx, why not continue in rank?"

Statesville American: From the 1st of March to the 16th of April the following embraces the seizures and destruction of stills, brandy, beer, tobacco, meal and whiskey: Distilleries seized, 70; stills destroyed, 25; saved, 5; number gallons beer, 48,670; gallons brandy, 190; tobacco, 1,343 pounds, and 50 boxes, weight not known; meal, 34 bushels; whiskey, 100 gallons; 1 wagon and 40 gallons of spirits.

Raleigh News: Governor Jarvis has drawn the first blood in the First District. The Bertie county Democratic Convention, which met in Windsor last week, after much debate and excitement between the respective friends of Gov. Jarvis and Judge Fowle, instructed the delegates to the State Convention from that county to cast their votes for Gov. Jarvis. There was a good deal of feeling exhibited by the friends of both these gentlemen.

Concord Sun: Two of John N. Hess's sons, Alph and Gus, were hauling a load of Hay—Alph doing the driving, whilst Gus, in charge of the pitchfork, was riding on the hay. The wagon wheel by accident struck a stump, which caused a part of the load, together with the boy Gus, to fall off, the tine of the fork penetrating the right side of his head to the depth of about three inches. The young man seems to be improving and his recovery is expected.

A newspaper man slandered Senator Hill in regard to the Raymond attempt to blackmail him. The Senator saw the correspondent in the Senate chamber, and shaking his fist at him, applied some offensive language. Thereupon the big, burly correspondent invited the Senator out to fight, and upon this being declined he called the Senator a coward, with an ugly prefix. The latest is that Ben Hill, Jr., will shoot the b. b. c. on sight.—*Wilmington Star.*

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

Trade is dull.

First day of May.

Going to the picnic?

Good country butter—An old ram.

A little ahead of schedule this week.

Preaching at the White church to-day.

A lot of valuable land advertised in another column.

Watermelons are ripe in Florida, but who cares?

Col. Chas. R. Jones has announced himself a candidate for the office of mayor of Charlotte.

Mr. D. P. Jarrett went down to Chester on a business trip this week—private business, understand.

Beecher says heaven will never forgive a man for drowning a cat. Doesn't need to; nothing to forgive.

Politics are looking up in Lincoln. One "knock down and drag out" is reported, and they say a newspaper man was the loser.

Mr. "Doodadzie," the guano vender, has shaken the dust of the upper end of town from his feet and is dealing out general merchandise again.

The way some of the brethren are putting up their chips on certain candidates looks a little like said candidates have been around greasing the presses.

A bill introduced in the House last Wednesday by Vance, of North Carolina, exempts from taxation as a distiller any farmer who distills liquor from fruit of his own raising or from purchased fruit to the amount of one hundred gallons or less in any one year.

Sheriff J. A. Robinson, of Lincoln, called in to see us Wednesday. We don't know whether he is a candidate for re-election or not but presume he is. He has made an excellent officer and we don't believe our Lincoln friends could do better than to retain him in office. This, however, is no business of ours.

Married.
In Hickory, on the 29th ult., by J. H. Bruns, Esq., Mr. Lewis Taylor and Miss Mattie E. Arney, both of Burke.

The Ingenious Youth.
Already hath the sun's premature warmth caused to effloresce the ingenious youth, who, delusively imagining himself a "masher" and a "toff," swathes his neck in the long-ended and (suppositiously) white cambrie. Not seldom, too, does he add those harmonious concomitants in a Prince Albert coat and a low hat. What shall be done with him? Shall he be driven into the ground with a mallet, or hewed, like Agag, into pieces?

The Conover Stealing.

Last week we stated that the store of Messrs. Yount & Hunsucker, at Conover, had been robbed. We learn that the thieves bored through the front door but failing to effect an entrance prized open the rear door and went in. They failed to find any money but it is very likely that a considerable amount of goods was taken. The store has recently been put up and most of the stock had not been straightened out and it is difficult to tell what was taken. There is no clue to the thieves.

Pic Nics and Correspondents.

Capt. Shotwell, of the *Farmer and Mechanic*, is responsible for the following paragraphs:

Now cometh ye gentle picnic with its pyramids of pies, its new washtub of weak lemonade, and its courtship couple, whereof one member hath a clinch bug crawling up her stocking and cannot "hunt" him, while her lover's light pantaloons looketh green about the knees as if he had been skimming around on the floor of a paint shop.

Correspondents are beginning to write up their favorites for office. We run a "paper for the people," and as the press is the voice through which popular opinion maketh itself heard, we feel bound to give a reasonable amount of space to such communications. But there is such a thing as trespassing on good nature. The writer who cannot "trot out" his man in half a column of type had better "hire a hall," or take some other method of scattering his "soft-sawder." Long letters are really a waste of time, type, and trouble, as nobody reads them; and would be disgusted if he did. "Kase, Mister, the fact is, as humin nature be now constituted, most folks ruther git sot agin a fellar that is too perfect and let's it git be known in the papers!"

Died.

In this county, on the 21st ult., Mr. Geo. Whitener, aged 79 years.

Religious.

Rev. M. V. Sherrill will preach in the Methodist church at this place on Wednesday night, the 5th inst.

He rascled with that old front gate,
But couldn't move it—not a peg—
And when he tried to climb the fence,
The dog would catch him by the leg.
She watched him through the shutter slats
(She didn't want him to come up),
And softly murmured when he left,
"God bless the old gate and the pap."

Town Election.

The election of town officers will be had Monday. Thus far we haven't heard the name of anyone mentioned in connection with the offices. The present mayor and commissioners will no doubt be elected without any opposition whatever, and with little enthusiasm.

Good Prospects.

In a year or so Col. McCorkle will not want for fish. He will have an abundance of fine ones should no bad luck befall him. Last fall he stocked a pond in the upper end of town with Salmon, and they are growing finely. They are from two to three inches in length, and the water is alive with them. So much for a little energy and expense.

Meeting of Magistrates.

The magistrates of this county will meet in this place on Monday, the 3rd inst., to elect a commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. L. Plonk. The position of county commissioner is a very important one and none but honest, sensible men should be chosen as such, and we have no doubt but the magistrates will select a man of this kind.

About an Eel.

Some people firmly believe that an eel is nothing more than a species of snake. Be this as it may they cut some curious capers occasionally. One day last week the pump logs at Mr. W. A. Huit's distillery got choked up and it was discovered that an eel had passed from the pond, a distance of 200 yards, through the logs and had gotten to the top of the pump and fastened, thereby cutting off the water. One of the hands at the distillery began punching in the pump with a stick when his clebship jumped to the ground and hid in a brush heap nearby. A true bill.

Fell Twenty Feet.

Wednesday of last week a tobacco peddler while crossing Life's creek at Jane's mill, this county, with a wagon load of tobacco, drawn by two mules, had the misfortune of having his team and wagon precipitated into the water, a distance of twenty feet. The bridge is a very narrow one and the mules becoming frightened commenced backing or pushing and tumbled off. The driver saved himself by jumping out. But the strangest part is neither mules nor wagon were hurt in the least, the only damage being the drenching of the tobacco. We did not learn the name of the peddler.

A Good Hit.

The Washington correspondent of *Hale's Weekly* mentions the following amusing occurrence in the House of Representatives:

In the House, a few days since, Col. Steele, of your State, set a nice little trap for that Conger, of Michigan, into which the usually wary gentleman walked. It was in the shape of a reviving and resuscitating resolution or bill in behalf of a bill passed many, many years ago by Congress, providing for the erection of a monument near Beattie's Ford, North Carolina, to the memory of Gen. Davidson, who fell there in a battle with Lord Cornwallis in 1781; and which monument has never been built. As usual, the House was in uproar and confusion, but Conger was watching. Mr. Steele spoke of Davidson as a "Rebel General" and a North Carolinian; that was enough, Conger was "up and at him" in a minute! "Does the gentleman from North Carolina propose—does he dare to propose, that the American Congress shall go to building monuments to rebels and traitors?" [He had only heard a portion of Col. Steele's bill and remarks.] "Yes," answered Steele, in his inimitable manner; "and if the gentleman will subsidize for a moment I will say to him that I have the authority of the King of England and of the British Parliament for so calling Gen. Davidson, who has been dead nearly a hundred years!" Conger wilted for once, and honest folks laughed.

Fire.

A dry kiln containing about 5,000 feet of choice lumber caught on fire Wednesday night, and was entirely destroyed. A portion of the lumber belonged to Maj. Joe East and the remainder to Messrs. Self & Killian. This is a considerable loss to both parties, especially to the latter gentlemen as they are making every possible effort to be ready for operations by harvest.

Meeting To-day.

The Democratic Executive committee of this county will meet in the court house, at this place, to-day. The following constitute the committee: Newton Township—J. R. Campbell, chairman.

Hickory—A. A. Shuford,
Catawba—L. H. Shuford,
Jacob's Fork—S. T. Wilfong,
Bandy's—E. L. Ramsaur,
Cline's—Q. M. Smith,
Mt. Creek—E. L. Sherrill,
Caldwell's—J. M. Wilkinson.

Once More.

We re-publish this week Mr. Sherrill's notice regarding the meeting of the Monumental Association, in order that our readers may not lose sight of the matter. We hope our friends in the country will come to town that day, and certainly our citizens will not fail to turn out. One more effort will be made towards erecting the monument and in case of a failure, we believe, the matter is to be dropped. We shall be sorry indeed if this is the case, but it does look like the affair is a complete drag, and probably it is best to give up the attempt.

Runaway.

Mr. E. L. Forney, son of Col. H. A. Forney, is confined to his room with a badly bruised arm, &c., the result of a runaway. He was passing along the public road near Mr. Plonk's tannery Monday evening in a wagon drawn by his father's mule and horse when the team took fright and dashed off. The wagon turned bottom side up and young Forney was dragged with it for some distance, sustaining several severe bruises. He is pretty badly injured, but will be able to be out before a great while.

The Pic Nic.

This will be a gala day with the young folks. The picnic at the Catawba Springs will draw a large crowd and the day will be passed very pleasantly. All necessary arrangements have been made and nothing remains but to go and have a good time. The place selected is certainly a delightful one and everybody is perfectly welcome to attend. Eating, drinking, dancing, courting, promenading and fighting chigres will be the chief sources of pleasure. Who wouldn't go to a picnic?

That Railroad.

A short communication in the *Raleigh Observer* of last Friday, signed "Anxious Sale Men," is to this effect: "Will you please inform the public, if you can, why that Best contract has not yet been signed. The air is filled with rumors to the effect that there is some hitch in the matter. We understood the contract was to have been signed by Best & Co. last Monday week, and now it is rumored that some of the gentlemen with Mr. Best decline to sign. Why this delay? What is the trouble? Will the parties comply or not?"

That sell-out is becoming decidedly interesting. It is beginning to assume "a very ancient and fish-like smell." Or is it a weasel?

The Poor House Case.

At the last meeting of the county commissioners the matter of investigating the case of Alfred Huffman, keeper of the poor house, was postponed until the first Monday in May. This was for the purpose, as we understand, of collecting more evidence as to the charges preferred against him. We know nothing personally in regard to the manner in which the poor house has been kept, but if the report made by the grand jury at the last term of court is anything to judge by we should say that a change of keeper is sadly needed. It is not at all likely that the facts presented in the report are ungrounded, and this alone is sufficient ground for his removal. The keeper of an institution of this sort should be a man of good moral character and a man in whom the people have perfect confidence. Whether Mr. Huffman is guilty of any misconduct we are not prepared to say, but we do know that his reputation as keeper of the poor house is seriously impaired, and nothing short of his removal will satisfy the public.