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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice—T. J. Stephenson.
J. H. Outland—I am After You.
Excursion—C. R. and M. E. S. Odom.
New Style Hats—Buxton & Baugham.
Jackson Female School—Miss Lou Whitfield.

Since our last issue we have received the following subscriptions and renewals:

Severn, N. C.—J. B. Stephenson.
Jackson, N. C.—John L. Odom, J. W. Hoggard.
Margarettsville, N. C.—S. E. Long.
Woodland, N. C.—Mrs. Maggie Purvis.
Boykins, Va.—Miss Eurelia Stephenson.

The Bertie Teachers' Association held a large, enthusiastic meeting at Windsor last week and adopted ringing resolutions in regard to recent school legislation. North Carolina is now behind all her sister states in school matters, but an intelligent discussion of the subject will likely bring about a change for the better in the near future.

THE New York World, Goldbug organ, last Friday sent telegrams to all the senators and representatives of the next congress that it could reach enquiring how they stood on the silver question. The replies were a great surprise in goldbug circles. Of 116 replies received 55 were unqualifiedly in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver, 44 bimetallicism, while there were only 17 gold standard men and they were from New York and New England. This unexpected showing of the silver men will doubtless cause the gold men to resort to agitating the international monetary conference question in order to delay action on the silver question.

NORTHAMPTON loses much in the resignation of Mr. J. G. L. Crocker as a member of the board of county commissioners. His place will be hard to fill. Mr. Crocker resigned on account of the change in the school law placing so much extra work on the county commissioners, especially on the chairman, in which capacity he has served the county faithfully for a number of years. When elected commissioner he reluctantly accepted, and of him it can be truly said that he subordinated personal interests and preferences for the public good, and served his people to the best of his ability without fear, favor or affection of anyone, and his retirement is universally regretted.

LAST week there was a tramp in the eastern part of the county claiming to be a New Yorker by birth and a student just from college trying to raise money by enlarging photographs to return and complete his education. He was apparently 30 years old, wore glasses and a plug hat, with long black hair. We met up with him and a few minutes conversation convinced us that he is a person unfit to be admitted to the homes of honest, virtuous people. A more degraded character would be hard to find. His whole conversation

was a slander upon the people whose hospitality he had been imposing upon. The country newspapers should protect the people against such characters by showing them up in their true colors, and we are always ready to do our part.

BART MOORE has created renewed interest in the early history of North Carolina by his article on first page. When the "Legend of the Roanoke" was published a correspondent of the New Berne Journal doubted its accuracy on the grounds that there were no horses in North Carolina at that early period, and that the Tuscaroras never dwelt on the banks of the Moratoc, now called Roanoke river. It was clearly proven at the time that the Tuscaroras did live on the Roanoke, and now Bart Moore offers proof that there were horses here at that time, so if the truth of the "Legend of the Roanoke" depended upon those two points its truth is now established, unless more and stronger evidence can be produced on the other side. We would be glad to have some information about the origin of Banker ponies.

County Finances.

According to the report of Mr. J. A. Burgwyn, County Treasurer, there was a cash balance of county funds on hand June 1st, 1895, of \$3,922.52, besides a balance of the special (bond) fund of \$693.27.

There are \$1,800 of county bonds and \$8,500 of jail bonds now outstanding, which are not due and can not be taken up unless the holders voluntarily present them for payment, which they are not likely to do. If we deduct the money (county funds) now in the treasury—\$4,615.73—from the amount of outstanding bonds against the county, it would leave a balance of only \$5,684.27 which the county now owes for all purposes.

In consideration of the cash balance now in the treasury the commissioners made no special tax levy for county bonds last Monday, and notwithstanding the State taxes were increased by the last Legislature the levy in this county is reduced, being only 70% cents on the \$100 for all purposes.

FROM WOODLAND.

A LAWN PARTY ON JUNE 11 FOR BENEFIT OF M. E. CHURCH—PERSONALS AND LOCALS.

Mrs. Sue Tennie spent last Friday visiting friends in town. Mrs. Eliza Garrett was sick last week and her condition is still critical.

Miss Eula Burden, of Aulander, was the guest of Mrs. Mary Whiteley last week.

Mr. Wiley Bryan's health has been quite feeble for some time and he is no better yet.

Mr. S. T. Gay, Jr., special tax collector, was in town last Friday, circulating among the merchants.

Rev. Z. T. Harrison filled his regular appointment on Sunday, and as usual his sermon was very interesting.

Miss Eliza Grant, of Jackson, was here last week the guest of Miss Eunice Edwards, and went on the excursion on Friday.

Mrs. J. P. Blanchard went on the excursion on Friday to Portsmouth and will visit a week or more with her sister before returning.

There will be on Tuesday evening, the 11th of June a lawn party under the auspices of the M. E. church to pay for an organ. There will be ice cream, cake, and fruits of the season served. The grounds of the academy will be lighted and seated for the accommodation of all. The young, especially, expect a nice time and want every one to come. The following are the managers for the occasion:

Mrs. Bettie S. Barnes, general manager and Mrs. Josie Lassiter, Mrs. Mary Whiteley, Mrs. Mollie J. Outland, Misses Eunice Edwards and Lorena Vaughan and Messrs. P. W. Edwards, J. M. Jacobs, J. B. Griffin, C. R. Baugham Charley Griffin, L. A. Outland, assistants.

June, 4, 1895.

M. J. O.

An Honest Dollar.

[For the Patron and Gleaner.]

Seven years ago I purchased a tract of land for the price of five hundred dollars on the following terms, to wit: In five annual instalments of \$100 each, all bearing six per cent interest from the day of sale until paid. With ten cent cotton I had no difficulty in meeting my two first payments when they fell due. Since that time I have been unable to meet any of the other payments. My inability to meet the other payments was because cotton had gone down to five cents. My creditor, being a moneyed man, told me that if I was willing to stand the interest that I could hold the cotton until cotton rose again to ten cents. He said that the purchasing clause of the Sherman silver bill having been repealed he felt quite sure, as Mr. Cleveland had said that the country would again become prosperous, that the old prices of cotton would be restored. Losing all hope that silver would ever be restored again by the government, I, as a matter of course, lost all hope of getting ten cents for my cotton which was still on my hands. Of course the gentleman from whom I purchased my home retained a mortgage on the place to secure the payment of the purchase price. I felt very uneasy about my situation, for the cotton and the place would not now bring money enough to pay the remainder of my debt.

I went to my creditor, who was a reasonable and fair minded man, and told him of my trouble. I told him that I was a poor man, with a wife and three children, and that I would be very sorry to be turned out of house and home for the balance due on the purchase price of the land. My creditor informed me that he had been thinking over my case as well as several other similar cases of persons who were his debtors. He remarked that while he was fond of making money that he was not willing to make it by the ruin of other people and especially by the ruin of his own neighbors and friends. He was willing, he said, to take my cotton at ten cents and remit all interest that had accumulated after the maturity of the notes. That while he believed in an honest dollar that he did not believe that it was honest to sell property to a man payable in one kind of a dollar and then to require him to pay the debt with a dollar having twice the purchasing power of the dollar which was in use when he made the contract. He said that the purchasing power of gold was now so great that he could take the cotton which he had received from me for the balance of his debt and purchase a better place to-day than the place which he had sold to me.

That to be an honest dollar to both parties it should be a dollar with the same purchasing power that it had at the time of the contract.

That he was not any more honest than his neighbors, but that he would consider it nothing but robbery to loan a man one dollar and then to make him pay back two dollars simply because the laws of the country would allow him to do so. That the closing of the mints against the free coinage of silver having destroyed half of the metallic circulating medium that the purchasing power of the other half had been doubled. That he could not believe that any man could demand a dollar thus enhanced in value in payment of a ten cent cotton contract and call it an honest dollar.

If the creditor portion of the country should decide that the purchasing power of the gold dollar was not sufficiently great and they were to ask the government to stop the coinage of gold for a year or two why then the present purchasing power of the gold dollar would be doubled. In a single day the man worth one million of dollars and every debtor would become a beggar. When we think

of this sword hanging over our heads suspended by a single thread it makes every debtor in the land tremble with fear. This may happen at any time, for the money powers now control the national government and even the supreme court itself. What matters it if three-fourths of the voting population of the United States favor the free coinage of silver. This is no longer a government of the people, for the people and by the people. For it is well known that the voice of the millionaire has more potency at the national capital than the voice of the people. But it is pleasing in the midst of the desolation that now covers the land to now and then find an honest man who will turn his back upon fraud even though it may be sanctioned by the highest official station. Every where you hear the cry for "an honest dollar." This cry carries with it the idea that there was some party who wanted a dishonest dollar. The newspapers give no account of any such party. Who is it then, and why is it, that we hear this cry for an honest dollar?

It comes from the money kings and from them only. They want you to pay one-half of your mortgage debt with five cent cotton and then let them sell your home for the other half of the mortgage and allow them to buy in the land and rent it to you for a round price. Honest dollar indeed! Every one of these feudal robbers who live in castles and palaces and wear purple and fine linen and fare sumptuously every day claims that he is an honest man. Cæsar fell at the foot of Pompey's pillar by the hands of Brutus bathed in his own heart's blood beloved and adored by the citizens of Rome. Mark Antony, Cæsar's friend, delivered an oration at Cæsar's burial. In glowing and thrilling terms he tells of Cæsar's noble deeds. But he says that Brutus and his co-assassins who murdered Cæsar were all honorable men. The only crime charged against Cæsar was a vague suspicion that he was ambitious. Although three times he had refused to allow himself to be crowned as Emperor of Rome.

And to-day our senators in congress declare that the assassins who murdered silver are not only honorable men but honest men. The only crime that silver was charged with was that it enabled the cotton raiser to get ten cents for his cotton, whereas England as well as New England wanted it for five cents. O! the manners O! the times. Yes, each and every one of these assassins who helped to murder silver and who after having depreciated it all they can are now declaring it a debased metal are all honest men! Yes, we repeat, they are about as honest a man as ever scuttled a ship or cut a throat.

Shylock to exact compliance with the terms of his bond was willing to cut his pound of flesh from the breast of the merchant of Venice. The money kings of to-day are not only willing to cut away their pound of flesh, but they would suck the life blood of the blue eyed baby in the very arms of its weeping mother.

France was once in the very condition that this country is now in. Money was plentiful but it was all in the hands of the officials and in the hands of an offensive and insulting nobility. The great masses of the people had no money and were driven to the verge of starvation and financial ruin. The same struggle which existed between the people and the money power in France at the beginning of the French Revolution exists here to-day between the debtor and creditor portions of our country. Every reader of history knows how the controversy ended in France.

Should not those who have brought about the present condition of things in this country take warning from the history of France. They should remember that

"Time at last sets all things even,
And if you will but watch the hour
There never yet was human power
Which could evade if unforgiven
The earnest search and vigil long
Of him who treasures up a wrong."

A FARMER.

Seaboard, N. C.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING HELD AT JACKSON LAST MONDAY.

The County Commissioners of Northampton met in regular session June 3, 1895. Present, W. P. Vick, Jos. A. Garriss, W. E. Harris and E. Baugham. M. F. Stancell, clerk. Maj. W. P. Vick, was elected chairman, pro tem.

Mr. J. G. L. Crocker, chairman of the board, presented his resignation as member of the board. The same was ordered spread upon the minutes.

W. E. Harris made his report of the sale of the poplar timber on the Poor House farm, after being duly advertised, to William Garriss at \$1.00 per cord of 180 cubic feet to the cord, said wood to be paid for before it is removed, and to be cut by Jan'y 1896.

It was ordered, that the clerk of the board notify all the Justices of the Peace in the county that this board will not pay for any coffin furnished a pauper unless the pauper is so recognized and furnished provisions by the county.

A. H. Reid, Supt., made his report showing the expenditures, &c., at the Home of the Aged and Infirm during the month of May.

It was ordered by the board, that Patsy Richardson, Jack Yellowdy, Mills Taylor and Edie Pollock have provisions for the County Home for three months to the amount of \$4.00 each.

The board then proceeded to draw the jurors for August term of Superior Court. Published elsewhere.

A few parties were allowed rebate on taxes where the same had been paid twice.

Dr. H. W. Lewis, Supt. Public Health, made his report for May which was filed.

It was ordered, that notice be given that this board would meet on 2nd Monday in July to hear all complaints of over or under valuation of property and revise the tax list according to law.

It was ordered, that W. E. Harris be appointed a committee of one to receive the money for the poplar timber sold on the county farm and pay the same over to the Treasurer and take his receipt therefor.

The following accounts were approved and ordered to be paid: B. F. Davis, for making coffins for Wyatt Mills and Rachel Christian by order of E. Wright, J. P., \$4.00.

W. H. Buffalo, Sheriff, account

filed, \$18.45.

A. H. Reid, balance of salary for himself and hands for month of May, \$44.13.

A. H. Reid, Supt., to be expended at Home of Aged and Infirm, \$75.00.

Isaac Carter for building two bridges in Roanoke township, one across Uraha swamp and one across Bear swamp, the same being let to the lowest bidder, \$58.98.

Jos. A. Garriss for services and mileage as commissioner to June 1, 1895, \$23.10.

J. E. Bristow, for making coffin for Anna Parker by order of C. Deloatch, J. P., \$2.00.

J. G. L. Crocker, for mdse. furnished jail by order of Sheriff (to use of J. A. Burgwyn) \$6.55.

Dr. J. F. Miller, Supt. Eastern Asylum for traveling expenses of Burl Boone, \$2.75.

S. J. Calvert, for services as attorney for the board and expert accountant, \$50.00.

J. G. L. Crocker, services and mileage to June 1st, 1895, \$44.00.

L. A. Outland for expenses in arresting Henry Pool and conveying him from Portsmouth, Va., to Jackson, \$21.70.

W. P. Moore & Co. bill of medicine furnished jail and Home of the Aged and Infirm, \$12.30.

The board next proceeded to appoint school committeemen for the '96 districts of the county.

Jurors.

The following are the jurors for August term of Northampton Superior Court drawn by the County Commissioners June 3, 1895:

FIRST WEEK.

Geo. Dickerson, L. H. Bridges, W. J. Parker, Ned Phillips, W. A. Piland, Zac. Vaughan, B. F. Traylor, W. E. Forbes, J. M. Balmer, Wiley Baker, P. H. Boyce, James E. Bridges, B. P. Brown, M. E. Murphy, Jere Daughtry, N. W. Britton, J. K. Revel, R. T. Stephenson, Thomas Nelson, W. P. Bass, John R. Futrell, W. P. Moore, S. T. Gay, Sr., J. A. Morris, R. D. B. Maddrey, M. D. Vaughan, J. R. Martin, Cornelius Futrell, J. T. Bryant, J. W. Jenkins, W. C. Saules, N. T. Wall, C. E. Lassiter, G. W. Bowers, Jesse E. Grant, R. W. Glover.

SECOND WEEK.

J. F. Shoulders, W. G. Spivey, H. E. Hoggard, T. J. Camp, Alex Stephenson, Wm. M. Watson, J. H. Toller, Henry Cook, T. A. Lanier, F. E. Foster, R. F. Kee, T. W. Moore, W. H. Camp, H. T. Boone, Jr., J. T. Bridges, W. T. Bowers, Moses Paison, W. L. Bryant.

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