

# THE COUNTY UNION.

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DUNN, N. C., SEPTEMBER 15, 1897.

## IS IT THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE OF HARNETT COUNTY?

Every man in Harnett county has heard it talked time and again that the condition of the county's financial affairs was due to bad management of the officers of the county and the Populists and Republicans have made this charge against the Democratic officials of the county. But the scene has changed, the Populists and Republicans have charge of the county government now and they are playing their hands to redeem the county from its indebtedness.

Their first move along this line was to get the fusion legislature to enact a law empowering the county commissioners to issue bonds to pay a debt (which the people of the county had repudiated at the polls twice by their ballots) and levy a special tax to pay the same and further empowered the commissioners to issue bonds to build a Court House and levy a special tax therefor without the consent or concurrence of the voters.

The commissioners under this law issued some \$14,000 of bonds bearing 6% interest payable in twenty years—compromising the debt for 50 cents on the dollar. They further issued same kind of bonds to pay outstanding scrip in the county for which they paid 89 cents on the dollar where it was in the original owners' hands and 75 cents on the dollar for that had passed into the hands of other parties. They further issued about \$6,000 worth of bonds to build a court house which they sold at 89 cents and received \$5,340.

We are informed that this \$5,340 is placed in a bank in Raleigh to the credit of John A. Green, chairman of the board of county commissioners of Harnett county, and we are informed also that Mr. Green has executed no bond to the county of Harnett or to any one for this money. We do not wish to be understood as intimating that Mr. Green will not account for this money and do not write this article to cast any reflection on him or the board of which he is chairman, but we want to ask if this is good business management. Is not the treasurer of the county the proper custodian of this fund? There is no authority for Mr. Green as chairman to have it in his custody. The officers of the county who handle the county's moneys are required to give bond for the proper accounting of the moneys that come into their possession. Mr. Green and the other two commissioners give no bond, they simply take an oath of office and are not supposed to handle any money at all, yet all money for county expenses is paid out on their order. The commissioners are guardians and not custodians of the county's money.

The county's faith and credit has been pledged to the payment of the bonds for which this \$5,340 was received. Every tax-payer's property in the county is bound by the act of the commissioners and no loose management should be allowed, and we think that this allowing Mr. Green to deposit the money in bank to his credit as chairman without bond is loose management and poor business. Is it the will of the people for it to remain to his credit without bond or to turn it over to the county treasurer and require bond for it?

We are not positive that the figures of the amount of bonds issued and the money received therefor is correct but they are not far from right. We want to see the county get on a cash basis and out of debt and to get it out of debt is going to take rigid economy and the best of financial business management. Every tax-payer in the county is interested in getting the finances in better shape and they do not want any loose management by the officials and guardians of the county.

Government by injunction has caused a most horrible affair at Hazleton in the mining districts of Pennsylvania. The mine operators got an injunction to prevent the striking miners from marching in the public highways and obeying these orders the sheriff and a hundred deputies fired into a body of strikers killing twenty-one and wounding forty others, a most disgraceful act of the sheriff and deputies. The miners were quietly marching along the road unarmed and defenseless. They were all foreigners, Hungarians and Poles. It may be true that they would not work and were on a strike but this does not justify the sheriff in his harsh treatment of them. The State militia has been called out and trouble is hourly expected.

The figures of the New York Financial and Commercial Chronicle, an excellent authority, indicate a cotton crop of 8,714,011 bales against 7,162,423 bales last year. These figures were to September 1st, since which date the crop has deteriorated, but granting that these figures are correct, a crop of 8,700,000 bales this year is not as large, in a sense, as the crop of 7,100,000 bales last year for at no time in twenty-five years has the world been so bare of old cotton. And this suggests that prices ought to be better than they are. By reason of the "statistical position," of other reason, cotton ought to be ranging about 9 cents, but the man has not been born who can account for its capers or who can guess what it is going to do next.—Charlotte Observer.

We have talked with a good many of the Populists recently and we find them to a man disgusted with the fusion legislature. Many of them say they will not be led by their party leaders again into voting with and for Republicans. They are disgusted with the prominence into which the fusion legislature brought the negro. They dislike negro school committeemen for white schools and will vote at the next election for white supremacy.

And now it is announced that Governor Russell will not give out his decision in the matter of removing the two railroad commissioners until October. He probably wants time to look around to find his man that can't be brought (?) by the railroad.

Two hundred and two freshmen have registered at the State University. The largest registration since the war. Five hundred students are expected this session. Four young women have registered for courses.

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### Court Proceedings.

Court adjourned Friday night at 10 o'clock. The whole week was occupied with the criminal docket, except a few motions lodged on the civil docket. The western portion of Harnett was represented on the criminal docket, but they had money enough to pay their costs.

State vs. M. R. Smith, violating a town ordinance of Dunn, not guilty.

State vs. M. R. Smith, embezzlement, found guilty. Judgment of the court that he be imprisoned in county jail two months, commencing at November court, and pay all costs.

State vs. Ed Purvis, murder of W. J. Blackwell, found guilty in first degree. To hang on Oct. 13th, 1897.

State vs. Isham Smith, indictment for burglary, submitted to the charge in second degree. Sentenced to penitentiary for ten years.

State vs. Elsie and Susie Williams, shooting affray, both found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars each and costs or be imprisoned in county jail for 12 months. Cost amounts to \$50.

State vs. John Tines, indicted for taking pants from the store of R. G. Taylor, found guilty. Sentenced to be hired out to pay cost in the case.

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is starved blood. It shows itself in pale cheeks, white lips, weak digestion, no appetite, exhaustion, lack of nerve force, soft muscles, and, chief of all, weak muscles. Your doctor calls it Anæmia. He will tell you that the weakening weather of summer often brings it on.

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### New Court House.

We learn that the county commissioners will meet tomorrow to accept bids and award the contract for the building of a new court house at Lillington. The building contemplated will cost something near \$6,000. The building is to be of brick, two stories and contain seven rooms beside the court-room.

We also are informed that an expert architect from Richmond Va., was present at the meeting of the board on the last first Monday to make a bid on the building but when he saw the plans and specifications refused to put in a bid because a house built by them he said would not stand. The Commissioners should look after this matter. The house will cost the people a good deal of money and they want it built securely and properly so that it will stand for ages. If they did not have a competent builder and engineer to draw the plans they should have done so. It is far cheaper to build a house well and according to mechanical rules than to have one botched up by incompetent builders.

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and your guess on the number of bales of cotton sold in Dunn by December 1st, 1897. No guess will be received after November 15th. Old subscribers can pay their back subscription and renew for one year and take a guess. New subscribers can pay us one dollar and take a guess. Your number will be kept correctly and no one will know your guess. In case more than one guesses the right number they will get the Constitution and Union one year free. Send in guesses at once.

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DUNN, N. C.

### DUNN MARKET.

CORRECTED EVERY WEDNESDAY.

- Cotton..... 64 1/2 cents.
- Sugar..... 5 1/2 to 6 1/2c.
- Coffee..... 10 to 20c.
- Bulk Meat..... 6 to 8c.
- N. C Meat..... 7 to 10c.
- Lard..... 9c.
- Corn..... 55 to 65c.
- Fodder..... 5 to 50c.
- Sheath Oats 40 to 50c per 100
- Eggs..... 10 to 12 1/2c.
- Chickens..... 20c.
- Butter..... 15 to 20c.
- Beeswax..... 18 to 20c.

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Yours to please,  
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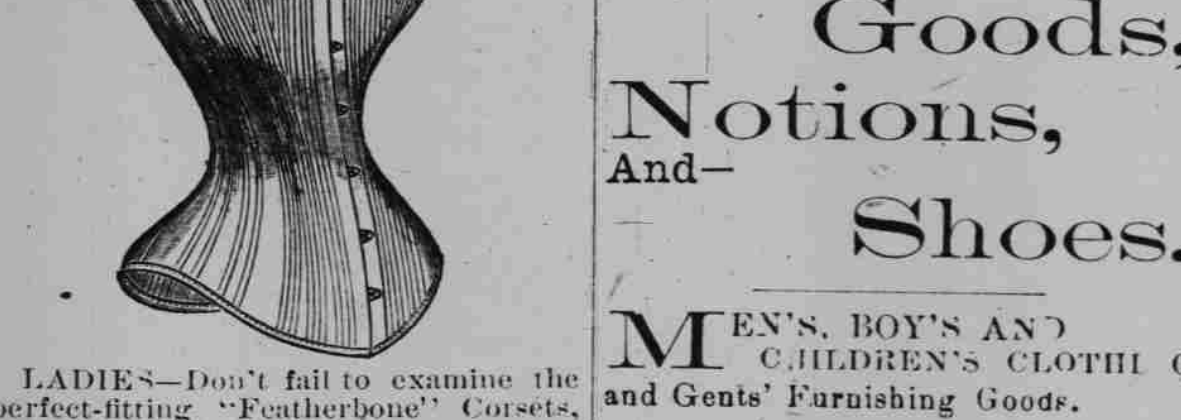
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The best machine oil, needles, fixtures, &c., all ways on hand. I also repair machines at moderate cost. Work guaranteed. I have fourteen years experience in the machine business and am thoroughly acquainted with them. My headquarters are at Mr. E. F. Young's store where I will be pleased to show my machines.

Yours to please,  
J. M. HAYES,  
Dunn, N. C.



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### NOTICE OF SALE UNDER EXECUTION.

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J. H. Pope, Sheriff Harnett Co. Sep-1-97.

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF TOWN OF DUNN

From May 7th '96 to May 6th '97

Bal. in Treas. May 7th '96.....	\$ 100.00
Cash paid for street work.....	115.00
Cash paid Police.....	125.00
Cash paid Night Police.....	10.00
Cash paid Mayor.....	10.00
Cash paid Commissioners.....	10.00
Cash paid for Board for Prisoners.....	10.00
Cash paid Attorney.....	10.00
Cash paid List Taker.....	10.00
Cash paid Extra Police.....	10.00
Cash Paid Secretary.....	10.00
Cash paid for Oil.....	10.00
Cash paid for Printing.....	10.00
Cash paid for Supplies.....	10.00
Outstanding order paid for 1895.....	10.00
Total disbursed.....	\$ 1,000.00

### RECEIPTS.

By Bal. in Treas. May 7, '96.....	\$ 100.00
By Tax, Fines, License and all other revenue Recd.....	115.00
Total receipts.....	\$ 215.00
Total disbursements.....	105.00
Bal. in Treasury May 6, '97.....	\$ 110.00
Receipts to Sept. 15, '97.....	10.00
Cash paid Drafts to Sept. 1, '97.....	10.00
Bal. in Treas. Sept. 15, '97.....	\$ 120.00

M. L. WARD,  
Secretary

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