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THE SPECIAL TAX SUIT.

As our special tax suit was permitted to fall through; and for the time being at least our board of county commissioners are to have their way with the people, we deem it due to those who contributed to the fund undertaken to be raised to prosecute the suit, as well as the general public that we should give them the reasons why the case was not carried to a final determination. There is one thing well known to all, and that is that a suit of the magnitude of this cannot be run without money. At first it was considered that there would be no trouble about raising the funds and the suit was begun.

The first hearing was before Judge Robinson who dissolved the injunction and untied the hands of the Sheriff and said in effect that the power of the county commissioners was unlimited, that there was no line drawn by the Constitution beyond which they could not go, if they would only certify that in their opinion the necessities of the county required the issue of bonds or the levy of taxes. This sweeping decision seemed to dishearten our people, and they became loathe to give of their spare means to fight a cause before a Republican Supreme Court, that they had so unhesitatingly lost before a Republican Superior Court Judge.

When the time came for the case to be docketed in the Supreme Court the committee could not raise the money to pay the Clerk's fees who refused to certify the record unless his fees were paid in advance. He, as well as all the others who had anything to do with the case, was antagonistic to the suit, and hence no accommodation from them was expected or received. It is a great pity that this case could not have been tested before the Supreme Court, as its abandonment now leaves the question of the constitutionality of the special tax debt in as great doubt as ever.

We think now, as we have thought from the first that the Supreme Court would have decided the bonds invalid, notwithstanding the fact that the Court is almost unanimously in sympathy with the political combine that foisted this debt upon us. In several recent decisions they have manifested a commendable disposition to curtail the powers of the legislature in levying special taxes upon the people without their consent, and against their will, and if so with reference to the General Assembly how much more important to circumscribe the taxing power of county boards of commissioners. There was another thing that militated against the suit, and that was the fact that many of our people held county scrip for which they wanted the cash, and were willing to accept it now, on account of their pressing necessities even at the expense of the surrender of a great constitutional principle.

To have the county on what is called a cash basis had in it somewhat of a charm that was calculated and intended by its friends to deceive the people, they looking at the present employment of the cash, rather than to the twenty years of advantage which this momentary advantage entails upon them. We fear that he people will find the chimera of "cash basis," a curse in the disguise of a blessing, and that they will find in the long run that this tempting bait, will turn like the apples of the Dead Sea into bitter ashes in their hands. A farmer who is willing to mortgage land, houses and all that he has, can handle money in profusion at first, but when the day of foreclosure comes, he finds that he has paid dearly for his temporary pleasures; so it is with our county, we can make idle boasts that we are on a cash basis, but it has come about by putting a mortgage upon all we own, and worse than all by the unmanly surrender of our rights as citi-

zens under the organic law of the land. The time has been when the manhood of Harnett County would have rebelled against usurpations like this issue of bonds, but in these times, men seem to have lost in some measure their impulses of resentment, in a spirit of despair. They seem to think that North Carolina is lost to them and pure, honest government forever and that they just as well submit, but this is not so, if we are true to God, to our country, and ourselves. Dark shadows have fitted over our North Carolina skies in the past, only to make the beams of the sunshine the brighter when they are past. We bid our people be not discouraged, the future has in store for their county and State a career of glory and honor worthy of a free people, and we must prove ourselves worthy to enjoy it.

In conclusion we will say that the friends of the special tax must have been afraid to test their case before the Supreme Court, as they threw every obstacle in the way of the suit they could. If they believed the bonds Constitutional why were they not willing to let them be so declared, and thus set at rest this question forever. But not so, every cent of costs must be paid in advance, even when they knew that the money would be forthcoming in a few days, as gentlemen of property and character had guaranteed it. However, they have the advantage of the people now, but there will come a day when these very men who have piled up this debt upon the people will call upon the rocks and hills to hide them from the indignation of an outraged public.

The killing of the negro postmaster at Lake City, S. C., by a mob recently is to be deplored by all citizens of the South. It was a most dastardly and barbarous act and the guilty persons should be punished to the extent of the law if they can be found. The Federal government is investigating the matter and seems to be at a loss to know what to do. The people in South Carolina, as in all other states, do not relish a negro for postmaster and it looks as if the Federal government sought peace and harmony for the South that it would cease putting negroes in such important places; but when we, in North Carolina, look about us and see the negro school committee-men for white schools, negro sheriffs and constables, negro county commissioners and negro boards of education and school examiners, and negro justices of the peace holding offices by the votes of white North Carolinians, can we criticize the Federal government? It makes us shudder to think of these things. We have the kindest of feelings for the negro. He is not to blame for wanting to hold office if he is qualified. It is his right and privilege to do so if he can secure the majority of the votes at an election. The Democratic party in the South is considered by the negro as his enemy because it is avowedly against the negro holding office, yet it has always been his friend. It let him run his own schools and gave him his per capita tax of the school fund although he paid only about one-fifth of the taxes. It builded him asylums for the insane and schools for the deaf and blind and has ever been the friend of the negro, but they cannot see it that way. As a rule the negro is much a better citizen and works harder and accumulates more property when he is in a community where there are no negro politicians; this has been our observations. But when he gets a thirst for office and is led by unprincipled white men he seldom retains the respect of the white people among whom he resides.

"I can say one thing for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and that is that it excels any proprietary medicine I have seen on the market, and I have been in the practice of medicine and drug business for the past forty years" writes J. M. Jackson M. D., Bronson, Fla. Physicians like Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy because it is a scientific preparation, and because it always gives quick relief. Get a bottle at N. B. Hood's drug store.

Dunn County Union finished its sixth volume on Jan. 12. As good and readable paper as it has always been, it promises even greater things for the future. We wish for it many more successful years.—Southern Publisher.

Resolutions of Respect.

The members of the Dunn Union, at their last regular meeting, adopted the following resolutions of respect to Miss Willard, National President of the W. C. T. U.

Whereas, God in His all wise providence has been pleased to take unto Himself our beloved leader, Frances E. Willard,

Resolved first, that in the death of Miss Willard, the cause of temperance has lost the most faithful, most efficient and untiring worker, whose willing and unflinching service for the Master and devotion to the W. C. T. U. has been an inspiration to us all.

Resolved second, that we in common with the friends of temperance every where, sincerely deplore the removal of her to whom we have so long been accustomed to look as our leader; but we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who giveth and taketh away.

Resolved third, that we as an organization, as well as individuals, strive to emulate the pure example of consecration, as exhibited in the unselfish and lovely character of this noble woman and that we seek to follow her even as she also followed Christ.

Resolved fourth, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the "White Ribbon" for publication, and also to the home paper.

Mrs. E. F. Young, } Com.
Mrs. L. McKay, }
Miss Emma Lee, }

Dunn, N. C., March 1st, 1898.

It is not to be wondered at that Ayer's Pills are in such universal demand. For the cure of constipation, biliousness, or any other complaint needing a laxative, these pills are unsurpassed. They are sugar-coated, easy to take, and every dose is effective.

We hear a good many men who voted the fusion ticket last year say that they are done with the gang and will vote for the white man's party next time. This sentiment is growing in the country just now and we trust that it will bear fruit at the next election. The people are honest and want good government. The fusion crowd two years ago made all sorts of charges against the Democrats and many good men voted with them thinking that they were doing right and best for the country, but they have found that they helped but the most reckless crowd of unprincipled office seekers in power that have ever had charge of the State's government, and now that they see it they turn away from them with disgust and will return to their first love—the Democratic party—the white man's party in North Carolina.

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Postmaster in Trouble.

R. B. Douglass, postmaster at Mohawk, who was to have been given a hearing last Friday before United States Commissioner G. H. Makepeace upon the charge of having violated the U. S. postal laws, made his escape Thursday night. He was placed in charge of Marshal Petty for safe keeping. Mr. Petty carried him to his home and permitted him to sleep in a room alone. Next morning when he went to look for his prisoner he found that he was out and gone. Mr. Makepeace held the trial and upon examining several witnesses found that business in the Mohawk office had been conducted in a very loose manner for five or six years; that Douglass had been exchanging stamps for merchandise at less than their value. Some time ago a moonshine outfit was destroyed near Mohawk and it was believed by some of Mr. Douglass' neighbors that he was the man that had made the whereabouts of the still known to the officers. They decided to retaliate by telling on Douglass and letting Uncle Sam know how he had been conducting his business. Douglass is still at large and no efforts are being made to capture him.—Sanford Express.

Lillington Cleanings.

The county commissioners were in session here Monday. There was a small attendance of citizens and little except routine business was transacted.

Mr. F. M. McKay spent Saturday night and Sunday with his brother who, we regret to note, is suffering with rheumatism.

Rev. Mr. Bruton, pastor of the M. E. church here, filled his regular appointment Sunday morning.

Owing to the recent rains those having rafts on the river were enabled to get them off.

Col. O. J. Spears returned from Raleigh Saturday, where he went to take oath of office as Assistant District Attorney.

Rev. A. N. Campbell, of Poe's, spent Sunday night in town with friends.

Miss Delia Johnson was a visitor to our village this week.

The musicale at the residence of Mr. B. F. Shaw last Wednesday evening was highly enjoyed.

Miss Anna McNeill, of Summerville, has been visiting in the village this week, the guest of Mrs. O. J. Spears.

There will be social entertainment to-morrow (Thursday) evening, at the residence of Mr. W. F. Marsh.

Mrs. Wm Parker, of Bunlevel, visited her son, Mr. D. J. Parker, this week.

The bicycle craze has struck us in earnest. Messrs. Shaw and Jordan, of Dunn, were here last week and sold their wheels and walked back home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Kivett, of Pocket, Moore county, are in the village. Mr. Kivett is looking after the building of the court house and expects to have it completed by June.

There are several cases of the measles in the village now.

Dr. J. F. McKay, of Dickinson, was here Monday.

Miss Minnie Bradley returned to her home Monday, much to the regret of her many friends here.

Messrs. D. H. McLean and W. A. Stewart, of Dunn, were here Monday on legal business.

From all over the country come words of praise for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Here is a sample letter from Mrs. C. Shep, of Little Rock, Ark: "I was suffering from a very severe cold, when I read of the cure that had been effected by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I concluded to give it a trial and accordingly procured a bottle. It gave me prompt relief, and I have the best reason for recommending it very highly, which I do with pleasure." For sale by N. B. Hood, Dunn, N. C.

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Washington Post Almanac.

The Washington Post Almanac and Encyclopedia for 1898 is on our table. It is bound in paper and contains 542 pages filled with information useful to all people. It should find its way to every home and library, for as a reference book it is indispensable to business men besides a compilation of facts that every person should know. It will be sent post paid to any address for 25 cents. Order one to-day of the Post Company, Washington, D. C. Your money will be well invested.

Local Dots Gathered at Buie's Creek.

Prof. J. V. DeVenny preached at Piney Grove Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. J. A. Campbell filled his appointment at Spring Branch Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. A. N. Campbell preached at Pleasant Ridge Saturday and Sunday.

We were glad to shake the hand of Prof. A. C. Holloway, one of our former esteemed teachers, who is with us this week.

Capt. C. H. Wellons left yesterday for his home at Four Oaks.

Miss Susan E. Hodges spent Saturday and Sunday at her home near Dunn.

Mrs. Joe McKay, Dickinson, spent Sunday here.

Prof. J. A. Campbell spent Monday at Lillington.

We regret to note that Mr. John Harmon, one of our citizens, is quite ill this week.

Miss Alice Bailey, of near Benson, spent Sunday and Monday with Miss Ada Spence.

Rev. A. N. Campbell spent yesterday at Dunn.

Rev. S. C. Page, of near Godwin, filled Rev. J. A. Campbell's pulpit at Buie's Creek Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. J. V. DeVenny preached an excellent sermon on prayer at the Academy Sunday night.

Messrs. Frank and John Pearson, of Dunn, spent Sunday here with their parents.

Dr. J. C. Goodwin, of Dunn, spent Sunday here with his family.

Messrs. Walter Marks, F. A. Driver, Joseph and John Cook, of Dunn, visited friends here Sunday.

Several more new students have come in this week.

There are three little things do more work than any other three little things created—they are the ant, the bee and the Wilt's Little Early Risers, the last being the famous little pills for stomach and liver troubles. Hood & Grantham.

Mr. Phisalix, the French authority on the venoms of insects and reptiles, has established that the poison of a hornet in sufficient quantity renders one immune to that of the viper.

People with hair that is continually falling out, or those that are bald, can stop the falling, and get a good growth of hair by using Hair's Hair Renewer.

In Germany, when the vote of the jury stands six against six, a prisoner is acquitted. A vote of seven against five leaves the decision to the court, and in a vote of eight against four the prisoner is convicted.

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Rev. Baylus Cade, a Baptist minister and Populist politician, is now private secretary to Governor Russell. Mr. J. E. Alexander having resigned that position.

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The Loud bill, which was intended to restrict certain publications from second class rates in the mails, was laid on the table in the House of Representatives last Thursday and will not pass at this session congress.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE! The undersigned, having this day qualified as Administrator of the estate of Alexander Cameron, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to him at Swan's Station, N. C., within the time limited by law, or this notice will be filed in bar of recovery. This February 21st, 1898.

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Yours respectfully,
MRS. NANCY ENNIS
Gr. Am. Herb Co., Wash. D. C.

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