

# THE COUNTY UNION.

DUNN, Harnett County, N. C.

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## Give us Facts, Not Hear-Say Testimony.

### COUNTY UNION:—

In interest to justice and truth, you will please publish the following. In your issue just after the meeting of Board of County Commissioners in December last you stated that you had been informed that the "county was found to be one year behind, on all funds, and that the Court House had not been paid for." I knew there was not a word of truth in this statement, but thought when you had information as to how the matter really stood, you would publish same—upon inquiry, or examination of the records, you could have found not only the contractors receipt in full for building Court House. But the true condition of the finances of the county—In fact you should have known better, as you had in hand at the time, a financial statement, made as required by law, and sent you for publication by J. McK. Byrd, Clerk of Board. The law requires this statement, not only to be posted at Court House, but also published in county paper, (see Sec. 713 and 752 of the Code). This law was doubtless enacted that the people might see how the County finances had been managed each year, it has been published heretofore up to Dec. 1898. Now why are the people not permitted to see a statement for 1898—unless you charge over 1 cent a word (which you haven't heretofore done) you are in duty bound to publish this statement as sent you by former Clerk of Board and which will show as to how the county stood Dec. 1st. From statement made in your issue of last week, one would infer that our county finances were not only in bad condition, but that the old Board and those connected with it, were the most veritable liars the world ever produced, for you say instead of a surplus as we claim there is a deficit, not only on the jury but on every other fund. Now if you or any one else desire to learn the truth in this matter, and will examine the books in the Register's Office and do not find upon settlement with Sheriff and Treasurer for 1898, there is a surplus on every fund, I will agree to pay for time spent in making examination. The taxes of 1898 were levied to pay expenses of that year, and the records will show after paying every order issued for that purpose, there will be a surplus of near \$1500.00. This is separate and distinct from school fund, upon which account the former Treasurer turned over about \$1300.00. You say where is it, and why has the county part not been turned over? Well let us see, the law requires the commissioners at their meeting in December to appoint a committee to be present and make settlement with Sheriff and Treasurer and report same. Now if this committee has not been appointed, and settlement made (none of which appears on the record to have been done) it really seems that they have not been in position to receive the surplus, or know anything definite in regard to the funds being behind.

I presume when Sheriff Pope is notified by the committee of their appointment, time and place of settlement, there is no doubt but that it will appear he has taken up several orders issued by the present Board as well as furnished money to pay off jurors at last Court, that you say Sheriff Salmon furnished, so it looks as if some of the surplus, over and above expenses of 1898, have not only been materialized, but have been used in helping out expenses of 1899, and doubtless on final settlement balance will appear.

Very Respectfully,  
J. A. GREEN.  
Feb. 28th 1899.  
[The above communication

from Mr. J. A. Green, ex-chairman of the board of county commissioners, has a very timely caption—"Give us facts, not hear say testimony." THE UNION endeavors to do this as far as in its power lies.

Mr. Green attempts to make it appear that THE UNION has not been giving facts, and in doing so he proves that it has been giving facts—plain facts too. So plain that even the most ignorant can understand. He says that THE UNION said in its issue just after the meeting of the commissioners in December, last, that it had been informed that the "County was found to be one year behind, on all funds, and that the Court House had not been paid for." He says "I knew there was not a word of truth in this statement."

Let's see how much truth there is in it, and we'll take Mr. Green's statement above for it. He says that "the taxes of 1898 were levied to pay expenses of that year." The expenses of 1898 began January 1st 1898. The taxes were not levied until June, the sheriff did not receive the tax books until September, and he is allowed until January 1st or later to make settlement with the county (and Sheriff Pope admits that there is a large amount not collected.) Then is not the county a year behind? If Harnett county's finances are on a cash basis, then every farmer who makes a mortgage in the spring for supplies to run him through the summer is on a cash basis also.

About the Court House not being paid for. We knew that Mr. Green, as chairman, had received a receipt in full for contract price for the building. We also knew that the contractors had made a contract for some extra work, not specified in the original contract, on the Court House which they did, that had not been paid for and has not been paid yet. If Mr. Green's board paid it there is no record of it, and Mr. Green, we are informed, admitted Monday that it had not been paid. May & Kivett, the contractors, presented a bill to the present board of commissioners Monday for \$161.00 for this work on the Court House, which was not paid because the books show that the Court House has been paid for. This same bill was presented to the old board. Will Mr. Green explain why it was not paid?

We have the copy of the financial statement for 1898 prepared by Mr. J. McK. Byrd. It was received after Mr. Byrd's term of office had expired. The statement is correct, so far as we know, but is misleading for it makes it appear that there is on hand \$1,500 of the county fund when in reality there is none, nor was on the first of December 1898. The new board has given us no orders to print the statement, but we suppose that they understand their business and will endeavor to attend to the affairs of the county in the most economical way possible.

There was no money on hand to pay the jury at the last term of the court and Sheriff Salmon furnished the money and on Tuesday after court adjourned Sheriff Pope paid over to Mr. E. F. Young enough money to pay the money back to Sheriff Salmon. These are facts which Mr. Green cannot and will not deny. We are not in the habit of making statements that we cannot sustain.—Editor.]

### Married.

On Wednesday March 1st at 11 o'clock at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. J. Morgan, Mr. Oscar Barefoot and Miss Minnie Morgan were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. J. G. Smith, J. P., officiating.

The attendants were: Mr. Wesley Barefoot and Miss Ida J. Williams, Mr. Xure Lee and Miss Geronia Morgan, Mr. James H. Smith and Miss Anna Wood, Mr. Mordecai Lee and Miss Dora Barefoot. After the marriage the bridal party departed for Mr. J. H. Barefoot's, father of the groom, where a most pleasant reception was held.

May the life of this happy young couple be long and free from care.

### A FRIEND.

The soldiers at Manila are having small battles every day with the Filipinos, which are always defeated with heavy loss. The loss among the Americans is light.

## THE LEGISLATURE

**What our Busy Lawmakers are Doing at the Capital City.**

The House and Senate held a joint session last Thursday on the question of re-instating the Wilsons, Railroad Commissioners. Counsel were allowed to address the Assembly—two for and two against. After nearly an all night session, in which many able speeches were made, the body reached a vote at 3:30 o'clock Friday morning. The vote was taken separately. The vote to reinstate Major J. W. Wilson was 83, against reinstating him 56. The vote to reinstate S. O. Wilson 74, against him 58. This put them both back as Railroad Commissioners with salary from the time they were removed by Governor Russell, each getting about \$3,000. Otho Wilson had sent in his resignation and after he was re-instated, his resignation was read and accepted by the joint Assembly.

Mr. C. C. Cherry, a wounded ex-Confederate soldier, of Edgecombe county, was elected keeper of the Capitol, to succeed the present keeper, Rev. J. L. Burns, who will contest Mr. Cherry's claim, Burns claiming that he was elected by the fusion legislature two years ago for a term of four years.

The Senate killed the Vance Textile school bill by tabling it, and also killed the tax on gross incomes of railroads.

A bill passed to issue bonds to pay the indebtedness of the penitentiary and buy farm lands. The bonds bear four per cent. interest and are payable ten years after January 1st 1899.

A Western District Court has been established and Henry B. Stevens, of Asheville, appointed Judge.

The members of the "Commission of Corporations," to take the place of the Railroad Commission, elected are: Franklin McNeill, of New Hanover, Samuel L. Rogers of Macon; and E. C. Beddingfield, of Wake. If the courts should hold that the act forming the "Commission of Corporations" not valid, McNeill and Rogers are elected Railroad Commissioners to take the places of Major Wilson and S. Otho Wilson.

Mr. S. L. Patterson, of Caldwell, was elected Commissioner of Agriculture to succeed Jno. R. Smith.

The bill passed creating a Bureau of Labor and Printing and B. R. Lacy, of Raleigh, was elected Commissioner.

The office of Insurance Commissioner was created and Mr. J. R. Young, of Henderson, was elected Commissioner.

M. O. Sherrill, of Catawba, was elected State Librarian.

A State Board of Elections was enacted and the following gentlemen were appointed to compose the board: W. B. Pollard, of Forsyth; Cicero Johnson, (Pop.) of Sampson; W. G. Lamb, of Martin; R. D. Gilmer, of Haywood; J. D. McNeill, of Cumberland; Walter H. Neal, of Scotland; J. A. Franks, (Rep) of Swain.

Bills passed to appropriate \$5,000 for a gymnasium and other improvements to the State Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro and \$7,500 for water works at the State University. These are separate from the regular appropriations.

Monday in the House Mr. Holman, of Iredell, introduced a bill to appropriate \$100,000 to the public schools of the State to be appropriated pro rata per capita among the counties. After some discussion the bill passed its several readings.

For some time, I have suffered with rheumatism and tried every imaginable remedy, without effect. Mr. F. G. S. Wells advised me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, telling me that it had cured many cases of long standing like mine. I have used four bottles and feel sure that one more bottle will make my cure complete.—A. P. KORTZ, Claremore, Ark. Sold by McKay Bros. & Skinner.

A severe cyclone and wind storm visited the states of Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky Monday. It was most severe in Tennessee.

## Will Cotton be Higher?

Owing to the many heavy snows and rains and unfavorable weather generally throughout the entire cotton belt of the country, there has been scarcely any work done yet in preparation for the next crop, and it is now too late, it seems, to prepare and plant a full cotton crop this year, and, if the freshets continue much longer, the rich lands along the Mississippi will be overflowed until too late to plant a cotton crop, and Texas and the west have had now two or three good cotton crops in succession which is quite unusual for that section of the country, and it is, therefore, very probable that they will not have another full crop in succession and what we make here does not affect the market appreciably any way and furthermore the consumption of American cotton is increasing yearly until it will take about eleven million bales to supply the demand.

Now taking into consideration these facts, the certainty of a short crop being planted, and the probability of a short yield on what is planted, it seems very reasonable to expect 7½¢ to 9¢ for next crop, or even above 9¢ as it was four years ago—the year after the price was under 5¢ before, and suppose the crop would not reach over eight or nine million bales, the price would go to 10¢ easy. It seems, therefore, the part of wisdom for the farmers of this section to plant as full crops of cotton this year as possible, and before closing this article, I wish to call attention to the widespread advertisements of the Round Bale promoters, in which their real object seems to be skilfully veiled by specious statements, reminding one of the old story of the spider and the fly.

When our planters unite in selling their cotton in the seed to a Trust Company whose ultimate purpose is to control the crop, and fix the market price, they may find the last state of the farmer worse than the first. Please bear in mind that the Round Bale is not a commercial bale, that it can only be sold to the Trust people, or to their agents, who do not sell their machines, and that the Standard Square Bale, 24x54 inches, will net much more to the producer, whether the market price be high or low.

S. J. Hooks.

### Directors for Schools.

The new school law passed by the present legislature, makes a good many changes in the public school system. One of the provisions of it provides for a "County Board of School Directors" to be composed of three persons in each county. These public school directors were appointed by the legislature Monday for all the counties in the State.

Those appointed for Harnett county are: Prof. A. B. Hill, Jr., principal of Dunn High School; T. W. Harrington, of Harrington; Prof. J. V. Devenny, of Buie's Creek Academy.

For Sampson county: William J. Pugh, L. L. Matthews and Walter A. Bizzell.

For Cumberland county: Jno W. McLaughlin, Walter J. Smith and Isaac A. Murchison.

For Johnston county: W. F. Gerald, J. W. Wood and John Stephenson.

The act that provides for these directors of public schools provides that it shall go into effect immediately after ratification and section 2 reads as follows:

Section 2. The Secretary of State shall, within ten days after the ratification of this act, send a certified copy of the members of the county board of school directors for the respective counties, to the Clerk of the Superior Court of each county in the State; whereupon the said clerk shall immediately notify each member of his appointment and direct said members to meet at the court house on the second Monday in April for the purpose of organizing said board.

## Giles' Mill Items.

Miss Bessie Highsmith, after spending a month with her uncle, Mr. O. D. Strickland, returned to her home last week.

Rev. B. W. Spillman held an institute with Spring Branch church the 3rd, 4th and 5th.

The roads to Dunn have been worked at last but are still bad.

Mr. Lonnie Bass closed a prosperous term of school at Layton's school house last week.

New students coming in at Union Hill every week.

Miss Mary Strickland has closed her school and come home for a while.

### In Memoriam.

In Dismal township, Sampson county, on the 9th day of February, 1899, the Death Angel passed over the home of Mr. F. A. Jackson and took as its victim a loving wife, Arrie E. Ozella, daughter of J. D. and Arimanthea Williams.

Mrs. Jackson was 28 years of age, in full bloom of womanhood. She bore a painful surgical treatment in the month of May, 1898, but after all the medical skill that could be given her in this life, she passed away to rest in the land of the redeemed, to await the coming of the Lord. She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church at Dunn, N. C., and leaves a husband and four children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss; but their loss is her eternal gain.

Gone to begin a new and happier story;  
Her bitter tale of earth now told and done;  
The outer shadows for their inner glory,  
Exchanged forever—O blessed One.

BROTHER M. B. W.

## CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Beats the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

NOTICE TO TOBACCO GROWERS.

We are now preparing to manufacture tobacco flues, and will have a man who thoroughly understands the business. Best material, workmanship and prices guaranteed. Place your orders with us.

The John A. McKay M'fg Co.,  
Dunn, N. C.  
Feb. 1st, 1899.

## Look! Look!

The battle is yet to fight and you can get your Supplies at the

**Parlor Market.**

I will keep them and defy the State on prices. I keep such as

**Fresh Beef, Pork, Sausage, etc.,**

and will be pleased to serve the people. Try my meat.

I also keep on hand

**Eggs, Butter, Potatoes & Home Made Lard.**

In fact almost anything found in an UP-TO-DATE MARKET.

I pay the best market prices for Beef, Cattle, Pork, etc. See me before you sell.

Yours to please,

**S. T. HOLLAND,**  
Market on Lucknow Square.

## ATTENTION, FARMERS.

I wish to call the attention of the tobacco farmers of Johnston, Harnett and adjoining counties to the fact that I am sole agent for the Phelps Patented Tobacco Flues, and can furnish not only this flue but any other kind desired. I manufacture flues and can suit you if you only give me a chance.

I have opened a general repair shop for the repair of

**BICYCLES,**

and keep on hand at all times a complete line of Bicycle Sundries. If your wheel gets out of repair bring it to me.

R. F. SMITH,  
BENSON, N. C.  
Feb-7-3n.

# TO THE PUBLIC!

**J. J. DUPREE, Agent,**  
having assigned his entire stock of

**General Merchandise**

to me, I am now offering the entire Stock at

**Prime Cost.**

any one wishing Bargains in

**DRY GOODS, SHOES, CLOTHING, Notions &c.,**

**Now is the time to get them before the stock is picked.**

**THESE GOODS MUST BE SOLD.**

**P. H. C. DUPREE, Assignee.**

## We are Now In New Quarters!

We beg to announce to the Public that we are now located next door to R. G. Taylor & Co., where we will be glad to have our friends and customers call on us.

If you cannot find what you want in our

**JEWELRY SHOW-CASES,**

we will order it direct for you and get it in a few days.

We repair Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Spectacles, Sewing Machines, Bicycles &c.

We keep on hand at all times a well selected stock of Spectacles, Bicycle Sundries, Sewing Machine Supplies, Oils &c.



IF YOU WANT A NEW, UP-TO-DATE WHEEL, SEE US.

Thanking our friends and customers for past patronage and soliciting a continuance of the same, we beg to remain,

Yours truly,

**GAINEY & JORDAN.**

**SILVERWARE.**

I am sole agent for the Royal Manufacturing Company, Detroit, Michigan, manufacturers of plated, solid and Brazil Silverware. Nice for wedding presents and useful in every home. See me before placing your order. Everything warranted to give satisfaction.

S. H. PITTMAN,  
Dunn, N. C.

**New Repair SHOPS.**

I have started up a new

**Repair Shop**

in the building known as the

**A. B. GODWIN SHOPS**

and am prepared to do all kinds of Repairing on Buggies, Carts and Wagons. I also make Buggies and Carts, using the best of material and employing the most skilled mechanics to do the work. A pleased customer is my best advertisement. I guarantee all of my work and I make prices to suit the times. I also repair Guns and Pistols.

James Johnson, son of Rufus Johnson, deceased, who has the best reputation of any mechanic in this country, is with me and invites his friends to call and see him and to give him their work.

I Shoe horses and profess to give better satisfaction generally than any other shop in town. Give me a trial is all I ask.

**Most Respectfully,**  
J. W. GREGORY.

## 10 Cent Cotton!

If the farmers could get 10 cents a pound for their cotton this season everybody would have a smiling face and every home would be a place of happiness. But the present price drives smiles away and happiness is only found when the people find the merchant who is willing to share his comfort and happiness with the producer. Now there is no use in mourning over what can't be helped, and

**L. P. JERNIGAN**

is willing to do his part in restoring smiling faces and happiness to the oppressed people by selling

**GROCERIES CHEAP.**

I sell the U. S. Celebrated Cakes and Crackers, wholesale and retail. Canned Goods of every kind, Tinware, Crockery, ware, Snuff and Tobacco, Flour, Meat, Sugar, Coffee, Meal, Molasses, and in fact everything found in an up-to-date grocery store. Call and see me and I will treat you right.

Yours truly

**L. P. JERNIGAN,**  
Dunn, N. C.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE!**

The undersigned having qualified as administrator of Moses Tripp, deceased, all persons indebted to the estate are hereby urgently requested to settle the same at once. All persons who have claims against said estate are requested to present the same within 12 months from date of this notice or the statutes will be plead in bar of same. This February 28th, 1899.

C. H. TRIPP, Administrator.  
Jones & Stewart, Attorneys.  
March 1-6-w.