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EDENTON, MARCH 23.

THE forthcoming report of the State Auditor will show that the assessed value of real and personal property in the State in 1887 aggregated \$210,035,453, against \$202,893,502, for the year 1886, showing an increase of \$7,141,923.

JUDGE BOND, in delivering the opinion of the Court upon a motion for a new trial in the case of United States vs Geo. M. Bain, was lengthy and exhaustive. The motion being refused, Mr. Bain was sentenced to the Albany penitentiary for five years. The Norfolk Virginian of the 18th, says:

The sentence and opinion of the Court were received quietly by the accused, and he sat through the trying ordeal without any outside signs of emotion. He seemed deeply touched, however, when conducted to the marshal's office, followed by the gentlemen who had accompanied him in court, and his counsel, Judge W. W. Crump and Mr. Richard Walke.

Mr. Bain was carried to Portsmouth yesterday afternoon by United States Marshal Scott, and is stopping at the Ocean House, where he will remain in charge of Deputy United States Marshals S. W. Watkins and L. Hooper, both of Farmville, Va., until carried to the penitentiary at Albany on Tuesday next.

THE SUPREME COURT.

THE name of our townsman, Wm. D. Pruden, Esq., is meeting with most favorable mention in connection with the nomination of Supreme Court Judges to be made at our State Convention.

In basing our conclusions upon the estimates which his brother lawyers place upon his ability and his fitness for the high position, we feel that we stand on solid ground in venturing the opinion, that no one in Eastern Carolina can be found who would more gracefully adorn the highest judicial bench of this State than would he.

His large practice at the Bar, his steady and studious life, the stainless character which claims for him the esteem of all who know him, added to his untiring industry and ceaseless devotion to his professional duties, convince us that his name upon the State ticket could not fail to give it greater strength.

In every campaign, in the thickest of the fight, he is always at the post of duty and leaves nothing undone which fair play will allow, to secure the success of his party's candidates.

If called to a seat upon the bench of our State Court of last resort his professional brethren and friends claim, that Mr. Pruden would carry with him a mind well stored with information and would by his ability in that capacity win additional honors which would not be less weighty than is his present enviable position as a leader at the Bar.

There is a widespread feeling in this section that aside from reward for party service, his splendid fitness for the position of itself gives our people a right to ask his nomination at the hands of his party.

Maj. CHAS. M. STEDMAN.

As the time approaches for the selection of the Democratic leader in the coming contest, our people and the State generally are showing a degree of interest in it in keeping with the importance of the matter.

The press of the State, that powerful factor in making candidates,

and helping to elect them after their nomination, is speaking generally with reference to the gubernatorial nomination. We append hereto a few extracts from that steady old sheet, the Wilmington Review, and which we think finds endorsement in the sentiment of this section from what we have been able to hear upon the subject. Speaking editorially the journal named says:

"We believe that an aggressive campaign is necessary to our success, and if a man can be found in North Carolina better fitted than Lt. Gov. Stedman to conduct it, we do not know him. He is a frank, open and generous man, whose liberality is known of all people in this section, and whose disinterested kindness through a long series of years to the poor and humble has endeared him to that class by ties of the strongest nature."

His private character is without stain, and the public is invited to a criticism of his entire life, both political and personal. In the two great requisites for leadership in the approaching conflict he has few equals in our State—we mean the capacity for organization and for that style of public speaking calculated to arouse the masses of the people.

An honest and unbiased scrutiny of the availability of all the names mentioned, or likely to be mentioned, has confirmed us in our opinion that the standard bearer of the Democratic party in North Carolina in 1888, should be our distinguished townsman, Lt. Governor Charles M. Stedman."

GOOD COUNTY ROADS.

UNDER this head our worthy cotemporary the Norfolk Virginian, appreciative of all the deversified interest of the people in its State, contains the following editorial article which is as applicable and appropriate here, as everywhere in our Southern States. Read it, ye men of political aspirations and future legislators, and act upon the suggestions therein contained:

It has long been a fault of Southern people to overestimate their relation to or interest in Federal politics, and of course underestimate their local concerns. This has been conspicuously illustrated by their failure to properly estimate the value of good county roads. They not only directly increase the value of the land through which they pass, in the lessening of the cost of placing its produce upon the market, but indirectly they serve as a stimulus to greater neatness in the arrangement and management of farms and buildings, and to the use of better methods in agriculture. The unpainted house and the unkempt lawn, the trash-littered barnyard, and the brush-grown fence rows, that were in entire harmony with the meandering "dirt" road with its ruts, stumps, stones and mudholes, look strangely out of place when this primitive highway has been replaced by the turnpike, with its straight, smooth roadway; and the facilities which this road offers for getting out at all times to see what one's neighbors and the world at large are doing, and for bringing these neighbors past one's own fields, soon breed a discontent with solvently methods of management and culture which was undreamed of before, and the result is that the greater neatness of the farm, and its greater productiveness under better management add more to its value than even the better market facilities which the new road affords.

The foregoing is no mere theory. The writer has watched the transition of a large extent of country from a region of clay roads, muddy most of the year, and almost impassable in the Spring, to one of hard, gravel roads, upon which a full load may be drawn any day in the year, and the result is just that described. We urge our people, not only in comparatively far off country districts, but nearer home, to a study of these plain truths.

AN EDENTON BOY.

[Economist.]

Dr. Edward Warren—Bey, of Paris, is undoubtedly now the most distinguished native of Edenton. His lot has been mostly cast in foreign lands and he has won distinction in three continents. The subjoined extract from Galignani's Paris Messenger

will show his early Edenton training. "The reception given by Dr. Warren—Bey and Miss Warren, on the 22d February, was very brilliant and largely attended. The rooms were beautifully decorated with flowers and plants, the antechamber being transformed into a veritable bower of verdure. A deputation of musicians from the orchestra of the Opera-Comique performed selections from the popular operas in a side-room, the music adding greatly to the pleasure of the occasion. Refreshments were served all the afternoon in the drawing room, the table being decorated with white flowers hyacinths and tulips. Miss Warren was assisted in receiving by Miss Hooper, Miss Raymond and her young sister, and Miss Innis Warren. She wore a Princesse cut dress in white satin figured with small trefoils in emerald green velvet, and having a vest and skirt front in dark green velvet. Miss Hooper had a polonaise in wide stripes of scarlet watered silk and Sicilienne, looped over a skirt in *ccru* lace, lined with scarlet silk. Miss Raymond's toilette was in pink Sicilienne and crape, trimmed with pink satin ribbons."

ATTEMPTED MURDER AND SUICIDE.

WARRENTON, Mo., March 19.—Late Saturday night, Green Humphreys, living six miles from here, became involved in a quarrel with his wife while she was dressing, and, in a response to a request to leave the room, he fired three shots at her, inflicting fatal wounds. While under arrest in his home yesterday he committed suicide by shooting himself in the presence of the wounded wife. Humphreys was a prominent and wealthy citizen.

TIME OF HOLDING COURTS—FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

SPRING—Judge Montgomery.
FALL—Judge McRae.
Beaufort—February 13th, May 28th, November 26th.
Currituck—March 5th, Sept. 3d.
Camden—March 12th, Sept. 10th.
Pasquotank—March 19th, June 11th, Sept. 17th, Dec. 10th.
Perquimans—March 26th, Sept. 24th.
Chowan—April 2d, Oct. 1st.
Gates—April 9th, Oct. 8th.
Hertford—April 15th, June 18th, Oct. 15th.
Washington—April 23d, Oct. 22nd.
Tyrrel—April 30th, Oct. 29th.
Dare—May 7th, Nov. 5th.
Hyde—May 15th, Nov. 12th.
Pamlico—May 21st, Nov. 19th.

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