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TAX VALUES OF THE CITY SHOW SURPRISING INCREASE

Additional figures relative to the recent tax assessment show some interesting facts in connection with the valuation of property in Hendersonville.

According to the figures compiled from the tax books by Mr. J. A. Laughter the increase in real and personal property over last year is \$250,461.00.

The increase in real estate alone amounts to \$126,098.00.

This is considerably more gain than ever the most optimistic had expected and comes in the nature of a pleasant surprise to those who have kept close watch over the growth of the city. An increase had naturally been anticipated but the figures showing such a phenomenal growth in the course of one year were wholly unexpected.

Continued on another page. The figures showing the gain in the valuation of real estate alone are perhaps the better index to the prosperity of the city. They emphasize more than ever the real tangible worth of even the smallest plot of ground within the incorporate limits of the city.

Then too, it must be borne in mind that these figures do not represent the valuation of any corporation in the city. In the figures given above the considerable amount of money invested in incorporated property was excluded. It can not be said then that the increase was due to any other cause than the natural inherent worth of the property brought about by the substantial growth of the city.

Each summer means added impetus to this growth, not only for the summer season but throughout the entire year as well. While the greater number of the guests at the close of the season, pack their tents and steal away, as it were, still each year some appreciating the advantages of a home here, make arrangements for a more prolonged stay and are eventually enumerated as constituting a part and parcel of the landed gentry.

When the Good Roads Movement is finally consummated a still stronger impetus will have been given to the rapid increase in property valuation not only for the city but for the entire county of Henderson.

A KING OF FINANCE ANSWERS LAST CALL

Paris, Aug. 9.—John W. Gates, the American financier, died at 5:10 this morning in the arms of his wife and his son, Charles G. Gates.

The end was peaceful, and it seemed as though he was falling asleep. The usual restoratives failed in the last crisis.

Aiming His Trusty Pipe He Halts Negro Burglar.

Waycross, Ga., Aug. 7.—Single handed and with a pipe held like a pistol, John S. Walker last night checked the flight of Henry Smith, a colored would-be-burglar. The black was frightened from the back porch of Dr. J. L. Walker's home. Just as he was climbing the rear fence, John Walker drove by in his auto, en route to the garage. He called to the negro to stop, grabbing his pipe from his mouth as he did so.

The negro was on the verge of running when the young man called that he would shoot. Looking, the negro saw what was apparently a business looking gun toward him. He stopped. A telephone call to the police station brought officers.

As the negro was taken off Mr. Walker struck a match, remarking that his "gun" had gone out. The negro received a short jail sentence as a suspicious character.

To Every Man in the County

Dr. C. F. Reid of Nashville, Tenn., who is the general secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Southern Methodist Church, will address a great mass meeting of men at the First Methodist church, Hendersonville, at 3:30 p. m., next Sunday afternoon.

You are most earnestly invited to attend this service. It is an opportunity of a life time to hear one of the world's really great men. His message will mightily stir your brain and heart. Don't fail to hear Dr. Reid at this time.

At the close of this service an interdenominational county organization of the Laymen's Movement will probably be effected.

JNO. W. MOORE

VETS. REUNION

The annual reunion of the Confederate veterans of this county which is to be held tomorrow at Horse Shoe, and at which Hon. Locke Craig will make the principal speech, will be largely attended, not only by a large number of people from this city, but citizens from every section of the county.

The fact that such a good speaker has been secured for this occasion will swell the crowd to unusual proportions and it is safe to assert that Mr. Craig will measure up to expectations.

Several of the "Old Guard" will be missing at the reunion tomorrow. Year by year the number of this gallant band which so nobly wore the gray is lessened by the grim reaper, and the present generation mourns the loss of each hero. There is nothing too good for these survivors and tomorrow the hospitable people of Horse Shoe are going to see that each veteran has the best the town affords.

To Boom Gov. Marshall

Washington, Aug. 9.—While other managers of Democratic presidential campaigns fit in and out of Washington, the management of one boom has been continuously in the capital since the cold cheerless days of last winter. The candidacy of Thomas R. Marshall, governor of Indiana, has been in the keeping of the two senators and twelve Democratic representatives from that state since the night last January, when Thomas Taggart, national committeeman from Indiana proposed at a banquet of 100 Indiana Democrats that, from that hour until the winning ballot in the national convention, Indiana be for Thomas R. Marshall for president.

During the last week anticipating the adjournment of congress and the consequent scattering of the members of the delegation, the Indiana senators and representatives have been holding informal conferences to the end that the Marshall boom should be kept well to the fore.

By common consent the details of the Marshall candidacy were placed in the hands of Representative Lincoln Dixon, member of the ways and means committee. He is the recognized head of the boom. At the same time each senator and representative is constituted a power unto himself to let no opportunity go by to forward the Marshall cause. Mr. Dixon has kept in touch with leaders in a great many states and is greatly encouraged with the Marshall prospects.

MAINE'S ABLE SENATOR GOES TO HIS REWARD

Lewiston, Me., Aug. 9.—The state of Maine lost its senior United States senator and an almost lifelong faithful servant when William Pierce Frye died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Helen White in this city. The end came at 3:55 p. m. At his bedside were Mrs. White and his other daughter, Mrs. Alice Briggs, who also resides in Lewiston. Although he had been ill for a long time, death came suddenly.

Washington, Aug. 9.—News of Senator Frye's death reached the senate informally yesterday afternoon while Admiral Togo, the Japanese naval hero, was being given an ovation during a ten-minute recess. As the senate was still in the legislative session of Monday, by reason of continuance under the agreement to vote on the Statehood bill on the legislative day of August 7, it was decided that no announcement should be made today of the loss of the senate's oldest member—oldest both in years and service.

Daily Herald Good Roads Campaign

Mrs. E. Cahn	10.00
The Daily Herald	10.00
M. M. Shepherd	15.00
W. H. Justus	\$25.00

MORE PRIZES FOR BABY SHOW

The exhibition of babies to be held at the Auditorium on August 25 is attracting universal interest. Or almost universal interest—there are a few crusty bachelors who say they are not interested—but there isn't a mother in this town that does not know differently.

In connection with "babyland," there will be an interesting exposition of articles manufactured by the following leaders in their different lines:

- Singer Sewing Machine Co.
- Oakland Chemical Co.
- Mellins Food Co.
- Health Merry-go-round Co., Quincy, Ill.
- The Yankee Co., Utica, N. Y.
- The Taylor Nurse Bed Co., New York.
- Classcock Mfg. Co., Quincy, Ill.
- Gingerette Co., Asheville.
- Manufacturing Company of America.
- Gerrard Mennen Chemical Co., Newark, N. J.
- The Hygiene Nursing Bottle Co., Buffalo.
- Schweiger & Co., Importers of Swiss embroideries, New York.
- Borden's Condensed Milk Co., New York.
- Bainshaw Knitting Company, Chicago.
- Buffalo Specialty Co., Buffalo.

Following are some of the prizes offered.

- The Asheville Peerless Fashion Store, handsome baby cap of white silk, lined, value \$2.00.
- The Canady Realty Co., Asheville, neck chain and locket, value \$2.00.
- The Pruett Garage, Hendersonville, automobile ride to King and Queen of Babyland, value \$3.00.
- Whitaker Book Store, silver mounted brush and comb, value \$2.00. Voting contest. Most popular girl, Rebecca mother.
- J. M. Ransler Pony Farm, goat, value \$4.00. Voting contest; most popular boy, I. O. O. F. father.
- Mrs. G. H. Cochrane, Asheville, hand embroidered baby cap, value \$2.00.
- Tatum Livery Stable, carriage ride for the twins, value \$3.00.
- Hendersonville Mercantile Co., pair baby shoes, value \$1.00.
- Bon Marche, Asheville, infants jacket of white wood, value \$2.00.
- Lott's Shoe Store, pair baby shoes, value \$1.00. Class H.
- Ideal Fruit and Candy Store, box finest candy, value \$1.00. Class K. red hair.
- Mrs. Cora Ransler, flask of water from the River Jordan, to be sold at

AYCOCK IN DEAD EARNEST TO REMAIN IN SENATORIAL RACE

To the Editor: In justice to Governor Aycock, I would thank you to publish in your paper the within letter from Col. W. T. Dortch, of Goldsboro, which explains itself.

Yours very truly,
ED. S. ABELL
Smithfield, N. C., Aug. 7.

Letter From Colonel Dortch. Goldsboro, N. C., Aug. 3, 1911. Hon. Ed. S. Abell, Smithfield, N. C.

Dear Sir: Your letter of the 2nd inst., in which you write that a report is being circulated in Johnson county, and probably others, that Governor Aycock will retire from the Senatorial race, and will not be a candidate before the primary, and asking me as a close personal friend of the Governor, if the report has any foundation in fact, is just received.

The report is, wholly and absolutely false. I have recently spent several days in company with Governor Aycock, and I assure you without reservation that he is not only in the race to stay but from assurances received from all sections of the State, he fully expects to receive the nomination.

The integrity of Aycock is no less thoroughly established with all classes of people of this State than is his ability and militant virility. No man having the love of truth, or the fear of God before his eyes can call him a quitter. He wears no man's collar. This rumor can originate only from those unfriendly to Governor Aycock's Senatorial aspirations. He could not be in this race for the purpose of withdrawing later in the interest of any other candidate and not be a dishonest man or a fool, and no one can question his honesty, integrity or his intelligence.

Governor Aycock began campaigning in behalf of the Democratic party before he was twenty-one years of

FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Farmers' Institutes will be held at Fletcher, Monday, August 21, and Dana, August 23, beginning at 10:00 o'clock. At the same places and dates will also be held Institutes for women by Miss Minnie W. Hopper, of Erevard Institute, and others. The objects of these Institutes are to bring together the women from the farm homes, that they may become better acquainted and talk over among themselves subjects tending to the betterment of conditions in rural homes, such as better and more economical foods and better methods of preparing them, home sanitation, home fruit and vegetable gardening, farm dairying, poultry raising, the beautifying of the home surroundings, etc.

Let the wives and daughters come out to these meetings in large numbers. Interesting programs have been prepared for these meetings and premiums given. The Institute will be conducted by Mr. A. L. French, of Rockingham county, with competent assistants.

Bring a book and pencil to take notes. The boys are especially invited to attend the Institute.

W. A. GRAHAM,
Commissioner of Agriculture.
T. E. PARKER,
Director of Farmers' Institutes.

HE ATE 57 EARS OF CORN AND WON PURSE OF GOLD

James Dugan, Cab Driver, Wins Tammany's 1911 Corn Eating Contest Championship.

New York, Aug. 8.—Tammany's annual corn eating contest was won today by James Dugan, a cab driver, who ate 57 separate ears, carrying off the 1911 championship and a purse of gold coin.

Dugan's nearest competitor was 11 ears behind him.

Mrs. Ralph Engel of Spartanburg spent yesterday at Lake Toxaway, the guests of Mrs. Tassin of Washington, D. C., who is spending the summer at this popular resort. Mrs. Tassin is well known in this city where she has visited frequently this summer.

auction for benefit of Class A. Hawkins' Jewelry Store, solid gold ring, diamond set. Voting contest, most popular girl, O. E. S. mother.

Many other valuable prizes are yet to be mentioned. Watch the display window of Lott's Shoe Store—they will all be placed on view there.

And in the meantime bring on your babies. If you haven't got one of your own—don't steal one—borrow one and enter it in the greatest show of its kind ever held in the South!

LOCAL TALENT MAKES GOOD MIKADO PLEASURES LARGE CROWD

MR. E. A. FAIRY GIVEN FREEDOM

Mr. E. A. Fairy a prominent young man of Denmark, S. C., who was yesterday arrested on the charge of forgery and held under police surveillance was released late last night after the matter had been satisfactorily adjusted Monday sufficient to cover checks was deposited with the bank at Denmark and to this of course obviated the necessity of further prosecution.

It was predicted in yesterday's issue that an amicable arrangement would be made andtheadjustment while causing no surprise was hardly expected so soon. The friends of Mr. Fairy are pleased that the charge against him has been dismissed and that the threatened prosecution has been avoided.

Peanuts Instead Of Cotton

Hundreds of Thousands of Acres Planted in the Boll Weevil Districts.

Certain sections of the south have found it practically impossible, owing to the ravages of the boll weevil to raise cotton for the past few years. A Mississippi man, writing to the Manufacturers' Record says that his county will have produced this year just coming to a close possibly 3,500 bales of cotton, compared with 25,889 bales three years ago.

"Last year," writes the correspondent, "I took it upon myself to investigate the raising of peanuts as a substitute for cotton. My associates and myself began public advocacy of the peanut and we succeeded in having about 2,500 acres of them planted in this section last year. The results were so good that I was called upon to go to many points in the boll weevil-stricken districts to tell them about the peanut."

"The result of these visits is that it is variously estimated that there will be anywhere from 100,000 to 150,000 acres planted in the white Spanish peanut in this state alone the coming season. And Louisiana, which last year had something like 50,000 acres under the crop, will increase her acreage the coming season to fully 100,000 acres.

"That the peanut is a money crop is now no longer a doubt, and it will always be a fixture on the farms in this State and Louisiana. It is found that the hay made from the peanut vines is more nutritious than timothy and also that the hay will more than pay all expenses incurred in making the crop.

"It has been proved through my own experiments that the oil from the peanut is of a very much higher grade than cotton oil and hence it is not at all a question of finding a market for the oil but to get a sufficient supply of the raw material from which to make the oil. The market is ready and waiting."

Governor Kitchen's Mother Is Again Seriously Ill

Atlantic Hotel, Morehead City, N. C., Aug. 8.—This was governor's day at Camp Glenn and the summer visitors as well as the military man and anticipated with great pleasure the visit of the commander of the North Carolina national guards, but unfortunately Governor Kitchen was unavoidably detained. Military Secretary A. J. Field, wiring Adjutant General Leinster this afternoon that the governor's mother is seriously ill and his presence at her bedside in Scotland Neck was deemed necessary.

S. S. CONVENTIONS

The Henderson county S. S. Association has held three very successful conventions in the following townships: Mills River, Hendersonville and C. C. C.

The first two townships were organized last year and the reports of the schools as to work done during the past year is very encouraging. Crab Creek was organized this year at the Beulah church convention, Aug. 3rd with Prof. J. H. Nanney as president and Miss Isabel Blythe Secretary and Treasurer.

It is the purpose of the association to have all the townships organized and in line ready for work before the county convention which meets in October.

From the rise of the curtain in the first act to the grand ensemble and finale of the last act, the enthusiastic audience which almost filled the auditorium to its capacity last night, to witness the production of the "Mikado," was kept in a continuous upray and spirit of merriment.

Too much cannot be said of the performance and the splendid manner in which the different characters were portrayed. Especially is this true when it is considered that the participants were amateurs and, with one or two exceptions, the entire cast composed of local talent.

Mrs. Irving Hatch, as Katisha, thoroughly deserved the numerous outbursts of applause which greeted her efforts in the various situations involved. From her wild and frantic condemnation of the multitude as it proclaims the engagement of Yum Yum to Nanki Poo, to her earnest pleadings for mercy at the hands of the Mikado, as he is about to wreak vengeance on the slayers of his son, Mrs. Hatch displayed excellent histrionic ability.

It is surprising that Miss Amy Edwards as Yum Yum did not bring the entire cast of male characters to her feet instead of just Nanki Poo and Ko Ko. It may safely be said that her interpretation of the lines and her delightful vocal rendition have never been surpassed in any amateur performance in the city.

The most fetching little "stunt" in the play was the "Three Little Maids" song. Miss Edwards, Miss Edwin Hunt and Miss Lily Hight carried the audience off its feet with the dashing manner in which the number was rendered, and the catchy melody will probably be whistled and hummed all over town for days to come. In this number as well as throughout the entire performance the members of the chorus acquitted themselves splendidly. It could be truthfully said that the chorus consisted of the most charming and beautiful girls in the State. (Charlotte Observer please note.)

Mr. H. C. Meyer as the "Mikado" surpassed the expectations of his most ardent friends who knew of the latent histrionic talents of this rising young architect—cartoonist at times. His real ability as an actor was given full play in the passages demanding fierce anger and biting sarcasm and wild did he rise to the occasion. His most telling hit, and perhaps of the entire play was the song: Foolish Questions. The local parodies composed by the singer which were introduced in this song were telling and timely. Repeated encores showed the audience's appreciation of work excellently done. Mr. Meyers—architect, cartoonist, singer, actor—we doff our chapeaux to you!

Tom Edgerton created an abundance of merriment with his mimicry and ludicrous efforts to faithfully perform his duties as attended to the Mikado.

Mr. Albert Baker, as Ko Ko, the Lord High Executioner, was a scream from start to finish. It took no second glance to assure one that he is an actor of experience and great ability.

In direct contrast to Ko Ko's light comedy work was the haughty dignified and extremely sensitive manner of Poo Bah who holds about 'steen offices. Mr. Harlowe Waldrop was exceedingly amusing throughout the play, especially in his endeavors to do his duty faithfully in the various official capacities in which he was retained, always diligently seeking to avoid a clash between these several offices. Of course his reluctance to kiss Yum Yum was only a part of the play.

Mr. Tom Davis, who was called here from Wanesville to take the part of Nanki Poo, made a splendid impression. His beautiful tenor voice was highly appreciated by the audience, as was shown by the spontaneous applause which greeted his various numbers.

Mr. Burt Barber carried out his part to perfection as Pish Tush, a noble lord. His salaams before the Mikado reminded one of a contortionist in action.

In the entire act the audience was pleasantly entertained by several vocal selections, most delightfully rendered by Mrs. J. C. Cater, followed by a dance fantastically participated in by the Japanese fan girls. The chorus of Little Maids was a decided sensation. Little tots who were hardly old enough to walk went through every move of the drill perfectly. The Misses Rose Sanofsky and Lily Hight accompanied by a chorus of cowboys sang "San Antonio," and made a decided hit.

Altogether the performance was a splendid success and the audience was well pleased. The proceeds will go towards defraying expenses for the erection of a new rectory for St. James Episcopal church.

The play will be repeated tonight at the auditorium.