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## REPORT OF AUDITOR FURMAN.

**The Population, White and Colored—the Number of Tax Payers—the Amount of Taxes and How Appropriated—the Smallness of Returns—the Per capita of Taxes—Would Increase Pension Fund—the Number of White and Colored Poll Tax Payers—the Respective Amounts Paid by Each for School Purposes—Relief for Building and Loan Associations, and Further Security From Surety Companies—Would Sell the Lily.**

The report of the State Auditor is before us and while it is clear as it's comprehensiveness would admit of, it is a matter suggestive of much deliberate thought.

The valuation of personal and real estate property for 95-96 was \$257,437,227.99 which was a decrease of \$2,127,222 from the year before.

The amount of taxes collected from the assessment was \$1,414,217.77. From privilege taxes was \$89,186.21. Total \$1,503,403.98. Total from all sources \$1,687,209.22 of which \$847,578.57 went to the school fund, \$491,278.30 went for educational and charitable institutions supported by the State and pension fund, leaving \$328,352.35 for the necessary expenses of the legislature, executive and judicial departments, and the interest on the State debt.

The Auditor finds the gross amount of State and county taxes to be \$2,370,360.97 and the population of the State to be 1,760,000 which shows a per capita of \$1.46 for all purposes and he says we are the lowest taxed people of all the States in the Union.

The average assessment of lands in the State is \$3.94 per acre, horses \$38.97, mules \$43.35, cattle \$8.39, hogs \$1.37, sheep \$.96 per head. All stock have a downward tendency except cattle which have an upward tendency.

The Auditor estimates that about 3 of the tax payers pay on less than \$500 worth of personal and real estate property and very few pay on \$10,000 worth and over of property.

The white population in the State is 1,053,382. There are 171,915 whites enlisted for poll tax, and 65,607 colored out of a population of 561,018. A little less than 1 of the white population pay poll tax and a little over 1-9 of the colored population pay poll tax. For school tax the whites pay \$14,748.88. The per cent is 96.34 paid by the whites and 3.66 by the colored population.

The Auditor recommends a small increase in the appropriation for pensions so that the disabled pensioners may receive the amounts contemplated by the law, viz: \$100 per year for first class, \$75 for second class, \$50 for third class and \$25 for fourth class.

The Auditor dwells on the benefits of building and loan associations as of the greatest value to people of small means in obtaining homes. The late law prohibiting over 6 per cent interest has driven many out of business, and has left the people without the benefits. There are necessary expenses connected with the institution that discourage investors who can't realize 6 per cent net. He thinks this should be remedied.

The Auditor notes that the Legislature of '93 required of surety companies a deposit of bonds with the State treasurer or such security as would be more tangible than a

mere agent; the Legislature of '95 repealed this clause and the surety companies might easily dodge when required to pay defaults. He urges action on this line.

The Auditor refers to the vexing problem of the oyster beds in the sounds that should be a source of revenue to the State and individuals but they are expensive to the State and probably profitless to the people. He drops into a vein of levity bordering on ridicule with reference to the steamer "Lily" lying on Pamlico River to protect the oyster interest. He recommends that she be sold, and sold early.

The Auditor gets a little spicy in referring to the tendency of people to value taxable property at the minimum. He notes that the average valuation of hogs in the State is \$1.37, while many 200 to 500 pound porkers are butchered and that the meat sells for from 12 to 15 cents per pound. In this we think he is under the maximum of weight but very far above in price.

The auditor closes with compliments to those associated with him and a graceful adieu to the office.

### TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

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### A Runaway Team.

The two horse team of Mr. Jim Loman left the depot this morning at about 8:30 o'clock with no attendant and of course took on new freight as it went. From the descent at W M Smith's it ran with terrific speed and attempting to turn into Bell Avenue the horses parted on each side of the telegraph pole at the corner of West Corbin street and Bell Avenue. Both horses were thrown into the ditch. The smaller fell nearest to the wagon and the large bay was thrown over and beyond it. The left front wheel of the wagon hooked the telegraph pole while the hind end of the wagon kept merrily on its way up Corbin street till it attained a verticle position and pointed the tongue of the wagon up Bell Avenue.

An impromptu wrecking crew came to the rescue and the large horse was easily persuaded to get up, but several efforts had to be made to get the smaller horse on foot again.

A skin incision on the right arm of the big horses right leg was all the apparent damage to the team and a broken double-tree, a split coupling pole, a few severed chains and a slight shattering of the bed was about all the damage to the wagon.

### 'Rah For Cabarrus.

Mr. A F Hileman was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives yesterday by a vote of 89 to 22 over his competitor, John S Cunningham, who, it was said, sent a silver man to congress from the fifth District, and was declared to be as handsome as Apollo, as strong as Hercules, as eloquent as Cicero, and as brave as Caesar.

### A Little Fire.

Wednesday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock, while several young men were standing in the front end of Little & Cornelius' store, someone ac-

identally dropped a lighted match among a small pile of trash at the end of Jim Willeford's work bench, and almost instantly the lace curtains and flannel lining around the enclosure were in flames. About a half dozen men were there and by heroic work and several severe burns, the fire was subdued before the flames gained a great headway.

### Where the Plums Fell.

In the Senate Wednesday T N Hallyburton was elected door keeper and S D McCarthy assistant door keeper.

In the House, D T House was elected door keeper and Abraham Middleton (colored) assistant.

So these plums did not fall on the Cabarrus side of the line. What's the matter. Don't all stand with Mr. Hileman or is he like Mr. Butler, of limited influence in the State?

### One Tank About Complete.

Inside the walls of the tall brick tank tower, the tank that will be used principally for drinking and private purposes, is about complete. It now contains a small amount of water, but cannot be filled for several days. The workmen are landing lumber at the top of the tower and will begin at once the erection of the big tank—and when finished it will supply our town.

### The Next Fire

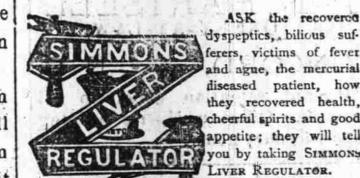
May be at your house. Have you any insurance? If not you had best get some at once. Don't fail to protect your home.

See J F Huley.

### Train Wreckers Caught.

A STANDARD reporter learns from a private source that Frank O'Brien, sheriff of Jefferson county, Ala., has captured five of the train wreckers that were parties to the appalling scene at the Cahaba river bridge, on the Louisville & Nashville road, several weeks ago. One of the number is a negro, formerly of Charlotte, N. C., well known to the public. Two of the five men have confessed as parties to the crime.

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