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THE NEW REGIME.

The new officers are sworn in and their bonds accepted—the new commissioners take their seats at once and dispatch the regular business—the pauper list attended to.

It was a busy time in the clerk's office early today (Monday) when the work of administering oaths to the different officers commenced. After the oaths of Messrs. Jno. P Allison, M F Nesbit and Jno. S Turner had been taken the newly elected financiers of our county went to the register of deeds' office, where they at once organized themselves, electing Mr. Jno. P Allison their chairman. The services of Mr. W M Weddington, the retiring register, were retained during the day to assist them in becoming acquainted with the work. The work of paying the paupers, about fifty in number, was entered into first in order to give room for others.

After serving the people of Cabarrus county for twenty-four successive years, Mr. Jas. C Gibson this morning turned over the books and everything to his successor, Mr. Jno. M Cook, who since July, 1896, has been his clerk there. There is no need of passing compliments on this retired officer, for all in the county have the highest esteem and regard for Mr. "Jim" Gibson, and Cabarrus has never had a more accommodating and competent officer. Mr. Gibson did not ask for any longer term, but asked that his clerk be put in in his stead.

Mr. J Lawson Peck has now taken charge of the sheriff's office, formerly occupied by Mr. M L Buchanan. Mr. Peck will now be the one to wear the belt, and to be dreaded by a number of the lawbreaking people. As before stated, Sheriff Peck will make Mr. Pink Townsend manager of the county hotel, which has during the past four years been managed by Mr. Jno. S Hill.

After finishing in assisting the new commissioners, Mr. W M Weddington will vacate his place in the register's office, to be filled by Mr. Reece Johnson. Mr. Johnson has employed Mr. Robt. White as his clerk there.

Though the greater amount of cotton for this year has already been weighed, still Mr. Jno. W Propst yet gets to weigh some this year, as Mr. Biggers has had his day, and must now give Mr. Propst a chance to make ten cents on each bale of cotton.

But Mr. Caleb W Swink will not be ousted. He was the only Democrat who held a county office during the last administration and this year he was re-elected. He had nothing to do but to have his bond renewed.

Mr. Adolphus E Lentz will now be the one to notify in case of a death requiring a coroners inquest. At the beginning of the last administration Mr. Geo. M Walter was elected to this office, but soon afterwards died. Mr. Denson

Caldwell was appointed to act in that capacity until this last election. The boundary lines of our lands will now be surveyed by Mr. Jno. H Long instead of Mr. Malcolm Lentz, who has been the county surveyor for the last four years. With the exception of the past four years, Mr. Long has served the county for a long time, and everybody, regardless of politics, "thinks a lot" of "Colonel" Jno. Long.

To the ones who now retire from their offices, THE STANDARD desires to extend a grateful adieu with its best wishes for the future welfare of each and every one, while in pursuit of some other occupation, desiring that the pleasant relation existing in the past with these gentlemen may have no occasion to be severed.

GRADED SCHOOL NOTES.

Some Valuable Additions Lately Made—New Books Added—Pictures for the Walls Being Contributed By the Teachers—An Example for Others.

The third month of school is completed and teachers are busy with reports.

There will be three weeks more of school before the holiday vacation.

If children are regular in attendance they can accomplish almost as much in these remaining three weeks as they have done in the past three months.

Parents who are careless about the attendance of their children should not complain when they learn that their children have not been promoted.

NEW RECORDS.

There will be no more difficulty in determining the rank and standing of pupils in the various grades and whether they deserve to be promoted or not.

Sheppard's Complete Graded School Records have been adopted by the board and each teacher is furnished with one of these in which the attendance and work of every pupil of her grade is carefully recorded. A uniform and reasonable standard will be decided upon and no pupil will be promoted unless the conditions of this standard are complied with.

NEW INTERNATIONAL CYCLOPEDIA.

Johnson's New International Encyclopedia, consisting of fifteen large volumes, has been purchased and placed in the office for the use of all the pupils and teachers of the school.

Pupils are taught how to look up subjects in this work and to thus supplement the text-books.

There is no better cyclopedia than Johnson's for reference in school work and both teachers and pupils make frequent use of it with telling effect upon the work of the school.

NEW MUSIC BOOKS.

Prof. Kestler has had a pleasant smile on his face for the last two weeks because of the new music books that have recently been purchased for use in the graded schools. Three dozen copies of "The Ideal Wreath of Song" have been purchased and the pupils are now taught to read music from the book.

The "Ideal Wreath" emphasizes the rudiments of music and the children are taught to sing with both spirit and understanding.

Several of the songs found in the new music books were written for the author by Prof. Coler, and the songs are arranged in progressive order from the easiest music to the highest grade of classic music, so that the book is well suited to all grades of school work. Music, when properly taught, is an excellent study for schools of all grades.

EXAMINATIONS.

It is natural for children to neglect their work if they feel that nothing depends upon the efforts they put forth. In graded schools there must be some basis of promotion. The best standard of promotion is that of scholarship, attendance and conduct.

Scholarships can partly be ascertained by the teacher from the daily recitations. But if there is no other test than this the child is apt to get into the habit of studying for the recitation only. Hence the importance of examinations. It is the purpose of the graded schools to have at the close of each term a written examination of the work of the term in each and every branch.

These examinations will count half in making up the promotion grades.

Examination papers must be put on file at the office for future reference of parents, teachers and pupils. Any pupil who is absent from examination must take examination at the beginning of the next term.

PICTURES FOR THE WALLS.

The school rooms should be made pleasant and attractive, so that children may have pleasant feelings while there and pleasant recollections after they have finished their school days.

It costs but little in effort and money to beautify the school room. This is the age of pictures and many beautiful and appropriate pictures are finding their way to the walls of our graded schools.

Since the opening of school this year the following pictures have been furnished by the teachers and pupils of the central building:

Mr. Petty—"Signing of the Protocol," "La Fayette," both framed and glass covered.

Miss Leslie—"Dewey," "Winter Scene," "Rescued," "Water Lilies," the last one nicely framed.

Miss Little—Six pieces of roses and other bits of scenery.

Miss Means—"Frances Willard," nicely framed, "Gladstone" and many cards.

Miss Hill—"President McKinley" and "Queen Victoria," "The Donkey," "Ducks" and others.

Miss Stricker—"Strawberries," "Bear," "Roses" and a dozen others.

Miss Harris—"The Horse Fair," nicely framed, "The Owl," dried and mounted, "Priscilla," "The Bear" and others.

Miss Dodson—"John Howard Payne's Home," nicely framed, "Lions," "Birds" and others.

The teachers and children of the other school buildings have also collected many pictures, and take pride in having their school rooms appear well.

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