

The Messenger.

A RAILROAD DOCUMENT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE.

Col. A. B. Andrews, vice-president of the Southern Railway, has caused to be prepared a most instructive document that all tax-payers should be willing to understand and to consult. It is an elaborate document, filling some five pages in the Raleigh Post, and sets forth most convincing facts to show that the property of the Southern should not be oppressed with higher assessment of valuation. Doubtless the same principle will show alike results if applied to other railway systems. The document makes most interesting and instructive comparisons between railroad property investments and other properties in the state held by other people and classes. The board of assessors have attempted to equalize the taxation on all kinds of property, real and personal, within the state of North Carolina. The very board to equalize taxes is the Railroad Commission that is so eager and determined to put a higher valuation on railroad properties, and in the face of facts well known to it. It is against right and justice as well as against the fundamental law of North Carolina, the Constitution, to discriminate against properties, whether owned by merchants, farmers, railroad men or others. The law of this state governing requires that all taxes shall be equal and uniform, and not discriminating against any class or in favor of any class of investors. It is known to all men of fair intelligence who have inquired into the matter, that the real property of the state is under-valued, is not taxed as high as it ought to be. But the railroad companies are taxed much higher than real property owned by the people, and yet this is the very property that the unwise commission would increase in valuation and burden with still higher taxes. Mr. Andrews's prepared and exhaustive document says this:

"It will not be amiss to call attention to the fact that the figures of assessment do not comprise the entire assessment of railroad property in North Carolina. The shops of the different roads and other buildings are assessed by the county assessors and not by the railroad commission. For instance, in Rowan county alone, the county commissioners assessed our shop building at that point a hundred thousand dollars. The railroad companies of this state are desirous of bearing their proportion of taxes, but with the assessments standing on one species of property at from 50 per cent. to 75 per cent. of its value, and on railroad property at and above its full value, makes the railroad, while it pays the same rate of taxes, bear more than its proportion or burden, as its assessment is greater."

The Messenger cannot believe that any intelligent, fair-minded, just man will hold that it is right to compel any kinds of property to bear more tax than is equitable and fair. Why shall farmers be made to pay more tax than other investments pay or that is a just proportion? If wrong in one kind of property it must be wrong in all to make such unwarranted and iniquitous discrimination. "Tote fair" should be the principle of all men, railroad commisioners included. The law is binding on them to do right as upon any other class or body. To do unto others as you would be done by is a Bible axiom, a law of righteousness, to be applied equally to all, and is binding upon the railroad commission. If their property had to be taxed higher than other properties how they would squeal.

The Messenger is not particularly concerned as to the North Carolina road, but is dealing with the principle. All roads that are made to unjustly suffer are included in its examination and its protest against abuses, persecutions and oppressions. The figures presented in the report are most convincing, and also most damaging to the cause of the oppressors. The report says:

"The North Carolina Railroad's valuation under the commissioner's assessment is \$4,012,000; to this should be added \$399,292 of Southern Railway rolling stock, which is used on that road, the North Carolina Railroad only owning about \$114,000 of rolling stock. Thus, instead of the average assessment on the North Carolina Railroad being \$17,762 there is an addition of nearly \$1,800 per mile of rolling stock, which would make the average \$19,562 per mile, and make the total assessed value of the North Carolina Railroad property nearly \$4,500,000, which is \$500,000 more than the company is stocked for and this does not include the outlying property assessed by the county boards. For instance, in Alamance county we are assessed with \$54,000 as shop property. In other words, the assessed valuation as placed upon the North Carolina Railroad by the commission is more than 100 cents in the dollar on its capitalization, when it should have the benefit of the ratio or percentage of valuation allowed other properties in the state at the highest figure, is scarcely more than 75 per cent. Therefore, if the benefit of this percentage of valuation, known as the tax value like all other property, the total assessment would not be more than \$3,000,000. The assessment the commission makes on this road is more than it would cost to construct it, taking into consideration the cost of labor, material, etc., today."

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IN VICTORY REMEMBER GOD.

The religious newspapers as well as religious men of thought do not fail to see the hand of God in the success of the two American fleets in destroying competely and eternally two boastful Spanish fleets with the loss of but one man only in each battle. It really reads like a page from some high wrought nautical romance rather than the calm record of serious history. The brave Captain Philip, of the Texas, the Captain who piped his men on deck after the victory of Commodore Schley at Santiago, to thank Almighty God for the great victory—talking with Rev. Dr. Nelson, of Richmond, Va., just before he sailed for Cuba, about Dewey's marvellous victory at Manila, said, as given in Richmond Presbyterian: "It seems to me sir, that if the enemy had thrown as many brick bats at Dewey and his fleet as they threw shot and shell, they ought to have hurt somebody. I think some higher hand than Dewey's was in that victory."

And yet the wondrous display of power and success, with like results, was repeated at Santiago under the warlike most courageous Schley. Do not let Americans forget God Almighty, King of kings and Lord of lords, commander of armies and fleets, in these great manifestations of Divine favor and marvellous achievements. It would be indeed a great, crying national sin to think of men in the glorious displays and not to see the mighty hand of Jehovah in every movement. Let us not be puffed up with vain, glory and self-sufficiency. While remembering the Maine remember God who deals with all nations in time. Says the ably edited Richmond Presbyterian:

"God forbid that we should forget by whose goodness we enjoy such great prosperity, by whose wisdom we have been established on American shores, by whose favor victory has come to our arms and ships, and by whose continued grace we may be kept in peace, and led in a safe way unto His glory and the good of the world. In this new era of American history may all the people, and all their representative rulers, remember that it is righteousness before God which exalteth a nation. In the solemn crisis of unexpected and momentous change, and of equal peril, God grant that we do not forget Him."

BREVITIES.

In London an Anglo-American League has just been formed. This is one of the promising signs of a closer relation in the end between the United States and Great Britain.

The congress failed to legislate relative to making more effective the present quarantine system under the control of the Marine Hospital Service. It was a very unfortunate neglect, and trouble may come out of it. The public health may become involved to a great extent.

Old Ben Butler praised the negro troops that fought the south. We believe that the confederates did not think highly of them, and did not mind engaging them.

It is curious that in counting the losses at Santiago there is nothing heard of the loss of the Cuban insurgents. Where were they? Were they hid or did none of them die? American loss is now known to be 1,914, of the army.

What a serene, cheerful, manly hero is Schley! An account tells of his "coming alongside the Texas from the Cristobal Colon in his gig, called out cheerily, 'It was a nice fight, Jack, wasn't it? The veterans of the Texas lined up and gave three hearty cheers and a tiger for their commander-in-chief.'"

Cervera, the Spanish admiral, paid perhaps an undesigned compliment to Hobson when explaining his remark as to his failure to obstruct the harbor entrance at Santiago. He stated that he would have gone out Saturday night, but was compelled to defer as he would have fallen into the hands of the enemy by reason of the searchlight. The Chicago Inter-Ocean says it "follows that the wreck of the Merrimac was a greater success than it would have been had it rendered the passage absolutely impassable. It closed the door of escape."

Dr. William Whitsitt, the distinguished Baptist scholar, has resigned his presidency of the Southern Theological Seminary at Louisville "for peace sake." He will go out at the close of the session of 1893-99.

HOME FOLKS

The two letters of Rev. Dr. P. H. Hoge on Athens and Rome were much relished. They were filled with information presented in an orderly way that was pleasant and enlightening.

The Charlotte North Carolina Presbyterian has a strong editorial on "Church and State," and bravely, wisely, broadly, ably stands by Christian education by the State. It shows both statesmanship and patriotism and love of its race—of North Carolina children and youth, in its manly stand for higher education. We make a brief extract here:

"We have never heard of the 'many Presbyterians' who are convinced that the State's policy is inimical to Christian institutions and Christian denominations. To maintain that proposition is to maintain that ignorance is better for Christianity than enlightenment. Presbyterians will have to re-write their history to accept that. And when we recall that the University and the Normal are under the control of Christian men, who are deeply interested in the religious welfare of their pupils the proposition becomes not only indefensible but absurd."

NORTH CAROLINA

Highpoint, W. H. Terprise: "Squire T. J. Bird of W. H. David county, performed a marriage ceremony last week which is the seventh in one family—having married the father and six sons.

Raleigh Times-Visitor: Mr. J. C. L. Harris has been elected attorney for the board of directors of the deaf and dumb and blind institutions at Raleigh. Colonel Harris now holds three more offices than Julius Caesar ever possessed.

Hickory Mercury: We were shocked to hear of the death of Miss Mary Crouse, daughter of Dr. Josiah Crouse of Elon college, which occurred there Monday. While trying to kindle a fire in the stove with kerosene oil, it exploded and set her on fire; from which she died Monday.

Oxford Ledger: Rev. Arthur Stancliff, colored, Episcopal minister, has located temporarily at Satterwhite, and trust he will succeed in establishing a church there.—Mr. R. W. Lassiter received a telegram Wednesday from his brother, Captain Willie Lassiter saying that he was wounded in the side, but not seriously.

Dr. R. H. Lewis, secretary of the state board of health, says: "There is smallpox in Iredell, Catawba, Rowan, Durham, and Rockingham counties. The chief trouble is among the negroes. These wander around at night and an inland quarantine is of but little use against them. Vaccination is the only preventive.

Asheville Gazette: In the federal court Judge Purnell is enforcing rigidly the law against violations of the international revenue laws. Yesterday several moonshiners were sentenced to prison, terms ranging from twelve to eighteen months. Judge Purnell evidently intends to punish the old blackleggers more severely than heretofore.

Whiteville News: The experience so far in the tomato business, brought about by the canning factory, has demonstrated that tomatoes will make one of the most profitable truck crops in the future by raising plants under cover and setting out as soon as frost is over, thus making an extra early crop. The canning factory will perhaps commence operations early next week.

Greensboro Record: Edward Smith, son of Captain Dick Smith, who has been engaged assisting City Engineer Richardson, was paralyzed yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock. He is being treated and with hopes of success. He is a stout young man, about 19, and his strong constitution may help to restore him.—For some years Dr. Benbow has agitated the subject of a monument to the late Calvin Graves, of Caswell. It is a shame that his memory has been left this long without that honor due it. Calvin Graves cast the deciding vote for granting a charter for the North Carolina railroad. It was a tie and there was much bad feeling and he had the grit, and seeing far ahead of his constituency, he cast his vote for it, and from that time his political career was ended. His county was bitterly against the measure and he was turned down.

Winston Journal: J. T. Joyce, of Sandy Ridge, Stokes county, was in the city today and made a statement concerning the shooting affray between John Hundley and some negroes last Sunday. Mr. Joyce said young Hundley was passing by the church on his way home when the negroes attacked him, hurling sticks and stones at him. Hundley had nothing to defend himself with and made for home as fast as possible. Presently he met a cousin of his named Belton who handed him a pistol. Hundley then turned on the negroes who were pursuing him and told them to stand back. Bob Ziglar threw a rock at Hundley and then the latter fired at him, shooting him through the heart. Ziglar died within fifteen minutes. Hundley then went to his father's home and stayed there two or three hours, with the house surrounded by negroes. After a while Hundley came out and attempted to escape. The negroes attacked him and he turned on them, shooting four more negroes. One of them was shot in the face, two in the breast and one in the arm.

Mount Olive Jottings.

(Correspondence of The Messenger.) Mt. Olive, N. C., July 18. We had quite a thunder storm here yesterday between 3 and 4 o'clock, and during the storm lightning struck a chimney at the Stevens hotel and completely demolished it. There were several people in the hotel at the time who were very much frightened, and Mr. D. W. Kelly came very near being killed, as he was lying on a bed in a room near the chimney.

I regret very much to say Miss Annie Fowers is quite sick at her home here.

Rev. J. P. King and B. R. King, and C. M. Morris, of Wilmington, are holding a series of meetings at Salem church, about one mile from town, this week.

Ordered to Norfolk

All the men of the Carolina Beach signal station left yesterday by the 7:55 o'clock p. m. train on the Atlantic Coast Line for Norfolk, Va. They received orders Sunday to report at Norfolk, but they don't know for what purpose. The men came up Sunday evening on the steamer Wilmington and brought their guns, equipments and baggage, and went on to Norfolk as ordered.

The men who came up are Chief Quartermaster Alex. L. Greenbaum and Assistant Quartermasters W. R. Middleton, A. L. Price and J. R. Caudle.

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REPUBLICAN SQUABBLING

A Little Factional "Scrapping" Before Getting Together—A Delightful Reception—Enlargement of Graded School Facilities—Visitors to the Beach. (Correspondence of The Messenger.) Fayetteville, N. C., July 18.

There was another gathering of the Cumberland county republicans in the city hall last Saturday—dominated this time by Neill Waddill, and an offset to the meeting held some weeks ago under the leadership of Charles Smith. Waddill and Smith are negroes, each claiming the chairmanship of the executive committee, and these conflicting claims, it is supposed, will be settled by the state central executive committee in time to set the election machinery of the party in motion.

An intelligent observer of the proceedings on Saturday could not fail to be impressed with two or three facts: that the Waddill faction (which endorses Judge Sutton) is largely in the ascendancy; that a plan for fusion with the populists has already been formulated, and that—sad contrast to the national ticket for the group humiliated at every town, and defiled with very dirty pitch by any alliance with state and county republicans. On Friday evening Mrs. Fannie Pearce gave a delightful reception in honor of Misses Cowell and Bell, guests of her niece, Miss Pearys, trip, a very charming and lovely girl, who received their many guests in the beautiful parlors of the residence on Haymount. Both the interior and exterior decorations were elaborate and tasteful, the floral adornments of the rooms being supplemented as was fitting at this time, with artistic groupings of the national colors, while the grounds were aglow with colored lights. During the evening a bountiful collation was served.

The painters and refitters are at work on the graded school buildings on Haymount, that everything may be in readiness for fall work. At the trustees' meeting Miss P. H. Matthews was re-elected superintendent, and another teacher, Miss Mattie Sedberry, was added to the faculty. She has been teaching in the eastern part of the state for the past two years, and is welcomed back to Fayetteville with much cordiality, for her gifts as an educator are rarely excelled.

The travel over the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railway is now very good—pleasure seekers hastening to the mountains or the seashore. Your correspondent ventures to give a hint to hotel and restaurant keepers at Wrightsville and Carolina beach: Never mind fancy bills of fare; feed the up-country excursionists on "sea fruit." It will be a "feast fit for the gods." Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Slocumb have rented Governor Russell's cottage at the beach, and will move down with their family about the first of next month. They will prove charming acquisitions to the society of that resort.

Professor Tillinghast, son of Mr. David Tillinghast, has been visiting relatives in this city, and is a very entertaining conversationalist. He is now at the head of the institution for the deaf and dumb at Belfast, Ireland. The Messenger's ever energetic Mr. Crews is on the streets this morning, meeting personal friends and friends of the paper at every turn. Be it war, or be it peace, it seems as if he might say, with Tennyson's "Brook": "Men may come, and men may go, But I go on forever."

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STATE PRESS

The Biblical Recorder is the solitary exponent of the "I am holier than thou" school of North Carolina journalism.—Raleigh Times-Visitor.

Now that Governor Russell has commissioned his friend James H. Young, when he once said or ought to be the penitentiary, Colonel, it is to be hoped he can find time to mount his little gun, and reconnoiter his sleeping outposts at the penitentiary.—Raleigh Post.

It looks to us like our contemporary, The Orphan Friend, under new dispensation, will deal in the different controversies that may arise in the state in future. In its first issue there is an article against Judge Clark, who is pretty hard on trusts, demanding that he should beg Dr. Kiigo's pardon. Wonder if the Grand Lodge of Masons will permit its organ to take part in outside controversies? In our humble opinion it is unwise as the orphan asylum needs friends instead of enemies.—Oxford Ledger.

There are other communities besides that of Spain which suffer from official corruption, past or present. It has existed in America. Its effect is worse in a republic, for the knowledge of its existence paralyses the effort of those who otherwise would work together. Under monarchies, authority from above supplies the place of united effort on the part of the masses in free countries. If the latter are too spiritless to combine for their own protection, they yield opportunity to frauds and plunderers, who do not even stop to imitate the costly benefactions of Smead and Shepherd. The result is a "dying" nation or community.—Fayetteville Observer.

"Some men are like dogs, however distasteful that may sound to the hogs," says a contemporary. Did you ever notice how the other hogs follow with the hog with a corn in his mouth? The whole herd will follow the hog with the ear of corn and whine and squeal and beg, but let that front hog get his head fast in the crack of a fence and every son of a sow will jump on him and tear him to pieces. Just so with men. As long as a man is prosperous and has plenty of money he can't keep his friends off with a base ball bat. But, let that man lose his money and feel the cold hand of poverty pressing upon him, let him get his head fast in the crack of misfortune's rail fence and he will not only be snubbed by the toadying crowd of the days of his prosperity but that same crowd will begin to do him all the harm possible.—Monroe Enquirer.

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