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## NORTH STATE NEWS

Clipped and Culled From Our North Carolina Exchanges.

### ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Gossip Gathered from Murphy To Manteo of Importance to Our Tar Heel Readers.

Charlotte News: A terrific cyclone, the track of which was about 100 yards wide, passed through the lower edge of Steel Creek and York county Monday afternoon. Houses were blown down, trees uprooted and general destruction followed in its wake.

Goldsboro Argus: The grand jury failed to find a true bill against Jasper Warrick for killing Elijah Smith, in Grantham township, last Christmas. The killing was done in self-defense and Warrick was only found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon.

Superintendent of Public Instruction R. C. Burnett, of Iowa, writes asking if he can secure one hundred copies of Superintendent J. Y. Joyner's recent pamphlet on "Plans for Public School Houses." Mr. Burnett says he wants every county superintendent in Iowa to have a copy.

A company for the manufacture of electric cars has been organized at High Point. The Messrs. Briggs, of Amesbury, Mass., made a proposition to the business men of the city and it was at once accepted and the necessary capital raised. The company will commence with a capital of from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

William E. Springer was nominated for mayor in the municipal primaries Thursday, at Wilmington, by a majority of 404 over Col. A. M. Waddell, the present incumbent. The contest was exciting, but there were no untoward incidents during the day. A larger vote was polled than in the first primary by more than a hundred.

Reidsville, April 16.—John Broadnax, the negro boy murderer of Sidney Hiale, will hang for his crime on the 22nd of this month, between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The jury reached a verdict of guilty within fifteen minutes after they had retired. Sentence was passed by Judge Long today. Counsel for defense made a stubborn fight. Solicitor Graves' speech was a strong and noble effort. Broadnax shot the farmer and his niece, Miss Sallis Walker, and was in the act of plundering the house when arrested. Miss Walker's injuries were slight. A special term of court convened at Wentworth on Monday to try the case.

An Anecdote of Dumas. Speaking of Alexandre Dumas, a writer says that his chief characteristic was his utter disregard of money. He made millions, but never had a franc at his command. "For example," said he, "upon one occasion Dumas had invited company to dinner, and finding that he did not stand possessed of a single cent, drove to a friend's and asked him to lend him 2 louis. This his friend readily did, and as Dumas was taking his leave suggested, as he had just been getting some very fine pickles, he would be glad to give him a jar to add to his dinner. The servant was sent for the pickles, and when he put the jar in the carriage, Dumas, having no other change about him, dropped the 2 louis in the man's hand."

A Dread Ordeal. The Rev. Mr. Inch of Dumbarton tells how on one occasion in his old church in Dundee a brother minister had preached a rather long sermon, and he (Mr. Inch) had occasion later on to enter the pulpit to make an intimation, whereupon a "vobis Macgregor," who was in the gallery with his mother and the rest of the family, took fright and exclaimed very loudly: "Come awa, maw, there's another man gwan tae begin!"—Glasgow Times.

Too Eager For His Own Profit. Hewitt—I overreached myself the other day.

Jewett—How? Hewitt—I was so anxious to unload a lot of pennies on a street car conductor that I forgot I had a transfer ticket in my pocket.—Brooklyn Life.

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## MONDAY'S PRIMARY

Begins at 8 O'clock A. M. Instead of 9, as Stated Before.

### CANDIDATES MUST PAY \$1 TO ENTER

Voters in Primary Must be Qualified and Pledge Themselves to Support The Nominees of the Primary.

At a called meeting of the town Democratic executive committee held Thursday afternoon in the mayor's office several changes in the program were made in regard to holding the primary next Monday, to nominate candidates for mayor and aldermen. The most important change was the time for opening the polls, which was changed from 9 o'clock a. m. to 8 o'clock a. m. for the benefit of those who might want to or have to leave on the early train.

A resolution was passed the substance of which is, that every candidate who allows his name to go before the primary must accede to the requirements of the executive committee, who are empowered to make any rules to govern the primary that they see fit. Especially must the rules concerning the entrance fee of \$1.00 be complied with, to defray the expenses of holding the primary; and no man's name can be voted on in this primary who has not paid the \$1.00 entrance fee for that purpose.

The following will be poll holders for the primary: R. E. Cox, E. B. Lewis, R. F. Hill, Geo. L. Kilpatrick and C. W. Forlaw.

Below we give the rules and regulations governing the primary.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Section 1. There shall be held on Monday the 20th day of April, 1903, a primary election to nominate Democratic candidates for mayor and aldermen of the town of Kinston, N. C.

Sec. 2. Said primary election shall be held at the court house in said town of Kinston, and there shall be prepared one box in which shall be deposited all the votes cast for mayor, and one box for each ward in which shall be deposited all the votes cast for aldermen for the respective wards.

Sec. 3. The said primary election shall be held and conducted, both for mayor and aldermen, by five poll holders to be named by the Democratic executive committee of the town of Kinston.

Sec. 4. At said primary election, every white male person 21 years of age and upwards and who will be legally entitled to register and vote at the town election to be held on the first Monday in May, 1903, and who will support the Democratic nominees at said election shall be entitled to vote at said primary election.

Sec. 5. At said primary election the polls shall be open at 8 o'clock a. m., and remain open until 9 o'clock p. m., and said poll holders shall keep a record of the name of each voter, together with his ward in which he resides.

Sec. 6. The poll holders shall have the right to propound such questions as will enable them to pass upon the qualifications of voters and may require the answers of such questions to be made under oath, and the decision of said poll holders as to the qualification of voters shall be final.

Sec. 7. In the event that any poll holder named by this committee shall for any reason be unable or decline to serve, the chairman of the town Democratic executive committee shall appoint some one else to serve in his stead.

Sec. 8. When the polls shall have been closed, it shall be the duty of said poll holders to count the votes cast for mayor and for aldermen of the several wards, and to certify the result in writing to the Democratic executive committee of the town, accompanying therewith the original record of the voters at said election. The executive committee shall meet in the town hall Tuesday, April 21st, at 10 o'clock, to canvass the returns of said primary, and declare the result.

Sec. 9. If either of the persons voted for at said primary shall have received a majority of the votes cast for mayor, he shall be declared the nominee of the Democratic party for mayor at the election to be held on the first Monday in May, 1903. If neither shall have received a majority of the votes cast, then and in that event another primary shall be held on Wednesday the 22nd day of April, 1903, under the same rules and regulations and by the same poll holders as provided for the said election of Monday, April 20th.

Sec. 10. At the primary election held on April 20th, 1903, the two persons receiving votes for aldermen in any ward who shall receive the highest number of votes, provided the same be a majority of the votes cast, shall be the nominees of said ward for aldermen; but if neither shall receive a majority of said votes cast, or if only one shall receive a majority of said votes, then another primary shall be held on Wednesday, 22nd day of April, 1903, under the same rules and regulations as govern the primary of April 20th.

A disordered stomach may cause no end of trouble. When the stomach fails to perform its functions the bowels become deranged, the liver and kidneys congested, causing numerous diseases, the most fatal of which are painless and therefore the more to be dreaded. The important thing is to restore the stomach and liver to a healthy condition, and for this purpose no better preparation can be used than Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by J. E. Hood's drug store.

## TAXATION QUESTION

The Present Irregularity Due to Natural Circumstances.

### A JUST ASSESSMENT IS PRESUMED

Property Increased in Value from 25 To 100 Per Cent. Saloons Are Not Bearing Their Share of Taxes.

Collecting and distributing taxes has been a vexed problem among all tribes, peoples and nations ever since the beginning of governments. One is equally as important as the other. Taxes may be ever so equally and justly levied and collected, but very unequally and unwisely distributed or even squandered.

The citizens of Kinston seem very much concerned and agitated because of the law and unequal value of real property in the town as it now appears on the tax books.

It is an indisputable fact that real property is valued too low and also that the valuation is not equal. There are good and natural reasons for this. When the property was last appraised for taxation, property in Kinston was not worth as much by from 25 per cent. to 100 per cent. as it is today. The change of environments by the location of improvements and otherwise has enhanced the value of some property much more than some other—hence the inequality.

Property is all to be revalued this year. The gentlemen appointed to do this, under their oaths, are gentlemen of high character and splendid business ability and judgment. They know the real value of Kinston property and they know the law; and it is doing these gentlemen a gross injustice to presume that they will do otherwise than see to it that every piece of property in Kinston is put on the tax books at its true value according to law.

Hence the cause for the low and unequal valuation of property in Kinston is a natural one for which no one is to blame and will soon be remedied. But there is another source of revenue from which Kinston is not receiving a just share of taxes—nor an equal share when compared with other towns of like size, growth and prosperity. I refer to the liquor traffic, and in doing so I wish to discuss it as a legalized source from which to derive revenue and not as endorsing any particular plan of sale under any plan. I am informed that the 12 bar rooms in Kinston only pay into the town treasury \$125 each—a total of \$1,500.

The chamber of commerce recommended that the price of liquor license in the amended charter be fixed at \$500 each, with 12 bar rooms the increase of revenue from this source would have amounted to \$4,500 or about half the entire income from property tax. But for some reason the city board ignored this recommendation and made the price \$150—a total increase on 12 bar rooms of only \$300. Should Kinston decide to follow the example of our sister towns of Louisburg, Clayton, Wilson and others and establish a dispensary it is safe to say, supposing that there will be one-third less liquor sold than is now sold by all the barrooms, that the net revenue turned into the town treasury, if divided as required under the Watts bill, would not be less than \$10,000 per annum—or more than the entire revenue from property tax. This looks like equalization and reform is needed in this direction as well as applied to the valuation of real property.

Kinston is fast growing into a city so far as population and business is concerned, but is not keeping pace with our sister towns in permanent improvements. Since 1897 the rate on property per \$100 of valuation has been increased from 50 per cent to 70 per cent and the amount collected, from less than \$3,000 to more than \$9,000. The total amount of revenue collected from all sources, including the electric light plant and the little water system on Queen street (both of which constructed by bond money) and disbursed during the last year, approximates \$25,000. As the property valuation increases and the rate of taxation increases bringing in greater revenue, we should begin to point to permanent improvements to show for it.

Let us elect a mayor and aldermen next Monday who are in every way capable and who will wisely and successfully manage the increasing business interest of Greater Kinston.

### FOR BONDS.

In Durham, Henry McCain, a lineman for the Bell Telephone Company, had almost a miraculous escape from instant death, Thursday. While at work on a pole he lost his balance and fell to the stone pavement below, a distance of thirty or more feet. In the fall he turned a complete somersault and landed on his feet. His ankle was sprained and he was bruised in several places, but was not seriously hurt. He is at the hospital for treatment.

A Prominent Minister Recommends Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

Rev. Francis J. Davidson, pastor of the St. Matthew Baptist church and president of the Third District Baptist Association, 3741 Second St., New Orleans, writes as follows: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for cramps and pains in the stomach and found it excellent. It is in fact the best cramp and colic remedy I have ever used. Also several of my parishioners have used it with equally satisfactory results." For sale by J. E. Hood.

## OUR GRADED SCHOOLS

A Concise Report is Rendered to The People of Kinston.

### NEEDS LESS THAN CURRENT INCOME

School Taxes Will be Lessened For The Future. School Interests Have Been Safeguarded.

MR. EDITOR—I cheerfully comply with the inquiry contained in your issue of April 15, relative to the application and disbursement of the taxes collected for school purposes for the school year now about to close.

The income for the support of our graded schools is derived from three sources, to-wit: (1) tax levied and collected in Kinston and paid direct by the town tax collector to the town treasurer who is by virtue of his office treasurer of the board of trustees of Kinston graded schools, (2) The town's pro-rata share of the general county school fund which amount is paid to the town treasurer by the county treasurer, which last named officer is treasurer of the county board of education. (3) Tuition charged and collected from non-resident pupils who are not entitled to free tuition.

There has been paid to this date by the town tax collector to Mr. E. S. Pittman, the school treasurer, \$3,894.05; by the county treasurer to Mr. Pittman, treasurer, \$3,576.00; making a total of \$7,470.05 that has come into the hands of the school treasurer during this school year; of this amount, there has been disbursed and expended:

1. For salaries of the superintendent, principals of the white and colored schools, supply teachers and fourteen regular teachers. \$4,052.25  
2. For fuel. 134.49  
3. For printing. 12.75  
4. For insurance. 28.30  
5. For janitor service. 63.32  
6. School furniture. 32.00  
7. Labor, etc. 72.82  
8. Freight and express. 7.58  
9. Training census. 30.00  
10. Rent, college building, part being for preceding year. 130.00  
11. Hardware stores, etc. 23.90  
Making total disbursements to date. \$4,626.49

Deducting disbursements as above from the receipts above mentioned, there should be to the credit of the school in the hands of Mr. E. S. Pittman, treasurer, the sum of \$2,843.56 which amount is in fact in his hands at this time and available for school purposes. In this connection I desire to say that the town tax collector will soon pay over whatever delinquent taxes that may come to his hand from sales for taxes or otherwise, which he estimates at about \$250.

The expense of running the schools for the remainder of the year will probably be less than \$1,500, so that the present board of trustees will have the pleasure of turning over to their successors in office, after all the expenses of running and maintaining the schools for the present year have been paid in full, more than \$1,500. The moneys derived from tuition, the board has intended to expend in the purchase of suitable books for the school library, and has expended a portion for that purpose. The amount remaining unexpended for books from that source now in the hands of the board and amounting at this time to \$254.73. The amount received for tuition annually is small, amounting this year, which is the largest year, to less than \$150 now received, and the school library is yet entirely inadequate to the requirements of the schools.

For the further information of the public, I think it is proper for me to say that out of the revenues derived from taxes for school purposes, the present board of trustees has been compelled to incur large expense for additions and improvements to the old school building, two new rooms had to be added and two rooms had to be fitted up on the second floor of the building; and considerable outlay was compelled to be made for new desks; and further, that none of the amount that the town treasurer had on deposit in S. H. Loftin's bank at the time of his assignment has been repaid, but that the board of trustees have a judgment duly docketed in Lenoir county for the amount due the schools, same being with interest more than \$900, which judgment I believe to be good and collectable. Now treating Loftin judgment as a cash asset, as it really is, the new board of trustees will enter upon their duties with at least \$2,500 to the credit of the graded schools, every dollar of which has been saved from the current taxes. This situation is in pleasing contrast to that which confronted the present board of trustees during the first two years of the life of the school. Then we began with a building too small to pack the children in; then we had an empty treasury, the members of the board of trustees having personally to assume large pecuniary obligations to start the schools and to continue them running.

It will be seen, therefore, that under their present management, the graded schools have been brought to that basis, that they are at present requiring considerably less than the current income from taxes for in their maintenance and support, in addition to the Loftin judgment which represents unused money, the cost of desks and

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The severe coughing, whooping and whooping cough or croup so common in the months of February and March are quickly and safely relieved by use of Anwaya Cough Syrup. This remedy is made for children and should not be confounded with the common cough remedies. J. E. Hood, Druggist, sells Anwaya.

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