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NOTICE!

North Carolina, McDowell County.

By virtue of the power of sale vested in me, the undersigned Mortgagee, under and by virtue of two certain mortgages given by John P. Jordan and W. E. Jordan, the first bearing date of the 24th day of August, 1906, given to secure the amount of \$150.00, said amount due and payable on the 24th day of August, 1907; and the second mortgage bearing date of Nov. 23rd, 1906, given to secure the sum of \$350.00, due and payable on the 24th day of November, 1907, and default having been made in the payment of both amounts, and both of said mortgage deeds are duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of McDowell county, and both of said mortgages conveying and describing the lands hereinafter described, I will expose said lands, the same being specifically described herein, for sale at the court-house door in Marion, McDowell County, North Carolina, on the 1st day of February, the same being the first Monday in February, 1909, at 12 o'clock M. to the highest bidder for cash, said lands being described as follows, to-wit:

Situated in Crooked Creek township, McDowell County, North Carolina, and being bounded on the north by the heirs at law of the late Riley Gilliam; on the east by the heirs at law of the late Logan Burgin; on the south by the heirs at law of the late Millard Gilliam; and on the west and north by George Mashburn; and being all those contiguous tracts of land which belonged to, and were owned by, the late M. J. Jordan at the time of the death of each of them, and which descended to their heirs at law, and containing 145 acres, more or less.

This, the 28th day of Dec. 1908. L. P. CRAWFORD, Mortgagee.

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THE FACTORIES OF THE STATE.

An increase of \$324,640 Reported for Year--The Capital is \$42,410,430.

With reference to miscellaneous factories the Commissioner of Labor and Printing says in his forthcoming report:

The number of returns used in this compilation is 555, and the averages taken from these representative industries afford an accurate idea of conditions prevailing throughout the State. While the prime object of this report is to ascertain the condition of wage earners, the department is endeavoring to convey, in addition thereto, such information as will enable the public, generally, to obtain a reasonably accurate conception of the number and classes of factories now in operation in the State.

The returns of this year indicate an aggregate authorized capital of \$42,410,430 by five hundred of the 555 miscellaneous factories reporting; 55 do not report capital stock. The Old Fort Extract Works, as usual, reports as a branch of the United States Leather Company, and represent only a part of the \$125,164,600 reported by that corporation. The aggregate of capital stock reported last year was \$42,085,790, exclusive of the plant at Old Fort; so that an increase of \$324,640 is reported this year.

Of these 365 report steam power; 86 electric power; 23 water; 13 gasoline; 14 steam and electric; two steam and gasoline; two steam and water; three gas; 17 hand and one gasoline and electric power. The establishments reporting this feature, exclusive of the 17 using hand power, show the employment of 114,092 power. Five hundred and fifty-one factories report the number of persons dependent upon them for a livelihood to be 92,220; four report that eight hours constitute a day's work; 15 nine hours; three 9 1/2 hours; 408 ten hours; six ten hours; 42 11 hours, four ten to twelve hours, and 72 twelve hours.

Twenty-two per cent. report increase of wages 76 per cent. report no change. Two per cent. do not report as to this. Sixty-nine per cent. of these establishments pay weekly, 10 per cent. pay monthly, 19 per cent. pay semi-monthly; one per cent. pay daily and one per cent. by the piece.

Five hundred and forty-nine factories report \$30,053 persons employed against 30,991 last year—a decrease of 835. Highest wages per day \$2.40—decrease of seven cents per day since last report. Lowest wages per day 96 cents—an advance of three cents over last year. Eighty-five per cent. of adult employees read and write and 89 per cent. of children. Eighty-three per cent. of the manufacturers answered that children under fourteen years of age should not work in factories, 8 per cent. answer in the affirmative, and 9 per cent. express no opinion. Eighty-two per cent. favor compulsory school law, 10 per cent. oppose it, and 8 per cent. do not answer the question.

State Commissioner of Insurance James R. Young says the receipts of the department at this time show an increase of \$7,000 over the receipts at this time last year, the fiscal year ending April 1st. The receipts of the department have increased steadily from \$6,000 to \$10,000 each year since the Department of Insurance was created. The commissioner is up against the necessity of asking this Legislature for an additional clerk for the department, there being six at this time. The receipts of the department for the year will be upwards of \$225,000.

President Helps Orphans.

Hundreds of orphans have been helped by the President of The Industrial and Orphan's Home at Macon, Ga., who writes: "We have used Electric Bitters in this Institution for nine years. It has proved a most excellent medicine for Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles. We regard it as one of the best family medicines on earth." It invigorates the vital organs, purifies the blood, aids digestion, creates appetite. To strengthen and build up thin, pale, weak children or run-down people it has no equal. Best for female complaints. Only 50c per bottle. W. C. Freeman's drug store.

GREAT DISASTER IN ITALY

Score of Cities Wiped From Map by Earthquake, Followed by Tidal Wave--Deaths List Numbers Over 100,000.

Rome, Dec. 29.—One hundred thousand dead; Messina in Sicily, and Reggio and a score of other towns in southern Italy overwhelmed; the entire Calabrian region laid waste, this is the earthquake's record so far as is at present known from the reports that are coming slowly into Rome on account of the almost complete destruction of lines of communication to the stricken places.

The death list in Messina ranges from 12,000 to 50,000; that of Reggio, which with its adjacent villages numbered 45,000 people, includes almost the entire population. At Palmi, 1,000 are reported dead; at Cassano, 1,000; at Cosenza 500, and half of the population of Bagbara, about 4,000. The Monteleone region has been devastated. Riposto, Seminaria, San Giovanni, Sicilia, Lazzaro and Cannitello and all other communes and villages bordering on the straits are in ruins.

The King and Queen of Italy are now on their way to Messina, having sailed to-night from Naples aboard the battleship Vittorio Emanuele.

The Pope has shown the greatest distress at the calamity and he himself was the first to contribute a sum amounting to \$200,000 to the relief of the afflicted.

British, French and Russian warships are steaming toward the south and already several of the ships of Great Britain and Russia have reached Sicily. Officers and men of these ships have performed heroic service in the work of rescue.

It is feared that many foreigners have been killed as a number of the hotels at Messina and doubtless at other places were crowded with tourists.

Little is known of the fate of the diplomatic representatives of the foreign powers stationed at these ports, although the Italian government is using every effort to relieve the anxiety felt on their account.

Messina and Catania, in Sicily, are the two largest cities that have suffered in this earthquake. Messina has a population of about 100,000, while Catania has about 140,000 people. Messina is on the west side of the Strait of Messina near the narrowest part. Catania is south of Messina on the east coast of the island.

Reggio is the capital of the Province of Reggio di Calabria, and the population is about 50,000. This city is on the east side of the strait not far from Messina.

Riposto is in Sicily, 10 miles southwest from Taormina. It has a population of something over 7,000.

The other towns mentioned in to-day's dispatches are in Calabria. Bagnara is 16 miles northeast of Reggio, and has a population of 7,500. Cosenza is the capital of Cosenza Province in a commune that has 21,000 inhabitants and 34 miles to the north is Cassano with 6,700 people. Palmi is 20 miles to the north of Reggio and has a population of something over 10,000, while San Giovanni, with a population of 12,000, is 25 miles east of Cosenza.

Rome, Dec. 29.—Stunned at the magnitude of the calamity which has overtaken their fellow countrymen, all Italy mourns to-night for the stricken Province of Calabria and the island of Sicily. Accustomed for centuries to earthquakes, Italy stands ever in dread, but none was prepared for the disaster yesterday devastated cities and towns and caused the death of thousands.

LIPARI ISLANDS SINK!

Rome, Dec. 31.—The Vita states that a wireless message from the Strait of Messina reports that the Lipari islands, a group of volcanic islands in the Mediterranean, near the coast of Sicily, have disappeared. The total population of the groups numbers 28,000 and

they must inevitably have perished. The minister of Marine has rushed a torpedo boat to ascertain the facts.

Rome, Dec. 31.—Estimates of the death roll of the earthquake now cease to concern the Italian people. It is enough to know that the catastrophe is overwhelming—figures would add nothing to the grief of the stricken nation, nor move to greater efforts those upon whom the work of rescue has fallen.

Every channel open to the government has been utilized to this end, and other nations have been quick to come to its assistance, even before the cry for aid went up. Shiploads of fugitives have been carried out of the stricken zone to Naples, Palermo, Catania and other ports, and according to the Minister of Marine, rescue vessels to the number of 36 are now centered in the Strait of Messina, and 5,000 soldiers are being landed on the two coasts.

CARE OF THE LIVING.

Most important of all now is the question of the living. Thousands of those who escaped the falling walls and the sweep of the tide are starving and without clothes or shelter. They can scarcely longer survive their sufferings. The first thought has been to carry food and covering for these helpless people, and it has now been decided by the government to send a fleet of emigrant steamers to transport them to other places.

For Care of an Hundred Men

Charlotte Observer.

The State Hospital Commission, at a meeting at Greensboro Monday night, made an appropriation of \$30,000 for colony buildings at the State Hospital at Morganton for an hundred male patients. The authorities of this institution guarantee to provide shelter for this additional number of men with this amount of money. Those people of the western district whose insane male relatives are in jails or poor houses, who are roaming at large or who are being taken care of at home as can best be done, in discomfort, of course, and unspeakable charges on the families, will receive this announcement with joy. When people speak of the "care of the insane" they think only of the insane, unless they have a family or neighborhood interest in one of those unfortunates; but when the State takes an insane person under its wing it confers a beneficence not only on him but on all who have a connection in him of relationship or community; for an insane person in a family is an almost intolerable burden; if at large a menace to family and community; if in jail or poor house a source of humiliation to those akin to him. Thus the care of an insane person in a State Hospital is a relief to many who are sane; there is no guessing how many; in addition to the prospect of restoration afforded to the patient.

The Hospital Commission has therefore done more good than it perhaps imagines in making it possible to provide at Morganton for an hundred insane men in the western half of the State embracing two-thirds of the State's white population. How early these enlarged accommodations can be provided is problematical but those immediately interested will rejoice to know that they are on the way.

\$5,000 Fire at Burnsville.

Asheville Gazette-News.

Fire at Burnsville, Yancey county, Thursday night did damage estimated at more than \$5,000, according to information received here. The blaze was discovered about 11:30 o'clock and rapidly gaining headway destroyed the building belonging to L. E. Briggs valued at \$2,000, and the entire stock of goods belonging to H. K. Boone, who occupied the building as a mercantile establishment.

The stock of goods valued at \$3,000. Mr. Briggs carried \$1,000 insurance on the building while Mr. Boone, it is understood, had \$2,000 insurance on the stock of goods.

The county court house was in danger several times during the progress of the blaze, as were other nearby buildings, the structures being saved by heroic work of volunteer firemen by reason of the fact that there was little wind. The court house, it is learned, was damaged about \$100.

STATE'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Continued Progress in Educational Lines is the Happy Showing of State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner.

The report of State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner for the years 1907 and 1908 is made public. He says that the statistics show continued educational progress. The annual available school fund raised by State and county taxation has been increased \$288,377. During the two years there has been an increase of 282 in number of special tax school districts established by popular vote, making the total number at this date 719.

With this increase in funds there has been a corresponding increase along other lines; for example, \$600,000 in the value of county school property and as much in the value of city school property, and there has been spent a million dollars for building, improving and equipping public school houses and 779 new country school houses have been built, costing on an average \$685. The average annual school term for the whole State has been lengthened three days and the terms in the new level tax districts doubled; in many cases salaries of teachers and county school superintendents increased. There has been an increase of 500 in the number of rural school libraries, making the total number now 2,058. There has been an increase of \$216,572 in loans for building and improving public school houses. The public high schools established in 11 counties, from one to four in each and totaling 156, have proved a great success, the enrollment being 3,949 and the average daily attendance 3,000. The majority of these would otherwise never have attended any high school. The compulsory attendance act is a good one but needs some amendment. The facilities for training teachers would be greatly increased by the new school now under construction at Greenville. The Supreme Court has rendered decisions which allow special school taxes which were voted and levied. Much work is yet to be done, for old school houses need to be replaced. Some way must be found and enforced to overcome non-attendance at schools. The public high schools must be increased in number, and with these or in separate schools industrial and agricultural training must be provided for the masses of the children of the people, of whom 82 per cent. are rural.

A special appropriation of \$200,000 for the improvement of agricultural schools should be so arranged as to require every county getting aid from it to raise as much by special tax on all its property and polls as it receives. The terms of the county boards of education should be six years. The legislature should increase the high school appropriation \$5,000 to put these in counties which now have none. The old idea of dislike to public schools was born of the false notion that they were a public charity. The great enrollment in the public high schools shows the almost pathetic eagerness of the country boys and girls for this instruction.

At the meeting of the North Carolina National Guard Association in Greensboro last week the committee on the revision of the military code recommended that the Legislature be asked to appropriate \$50,000 to the National Guard in this State. A committee from the association will go before the Legislature and ask for certain desired changes in the military law that are deemed necessary for the improvement of service in this State.

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REAL ESTATE

Timbered Lands, Farms and City Property in Western North Carolina For Sale.

125 acres of land lying on Muddy creek, 4 miles from Mountain Station, on Southern Ry., containing 40 acres creek bottom. This property is beautiful, with a flowing through the center, making it a desirable place for a home. The uncultivated land is being sold at \$100 per acre.

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