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THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The State superintendent of instructions has prepared a very complete resume of the changes in the public school law. He says the dissenting opinion of Chief Justice Merrimon in the Barksdale case seems conducive that all limitation must yield to the positive mandate in Sec. 3, art. 9, of the Constitution, which requires the school's to be open four months in the year, at least. It would appear that this must be the final settlement of this question, and the sooner it is decided in the courts the better.

THE DIRECT TAXES.

Mr. F. H. Busbee, of Raleigh, who is acting as agent of the State, secured North Carolina's direct tax fund from Washington and conveyed it to Governor Fowle for distribution among those entitled to it. He made a formal report to the Governor, in which he says there are at Washington about one hundred and fifty books, containing the stubs of the receipts which form the record which will be used as a basis of paying out the taxes to individual claimants throughout the State.

These books have not yet been examined by any State representative.

It is estimated that it will be at least sixty days before these records can be copied and placed in the hands of the Governor. Until a copy of the record is received there is no information in the Governor's office concerning the names of the persons who paid taxes or the amounts due them. No interest was included in the amount which has been turned over to the Governor.

Mr. Busbee says that if the taxpayer has lost or mislaid his receipt it will not prevent his collecting the amount due him, provided his name and amount claimed appear on the stub of the tax-receipt book. If a person who paid the tax is dead the amount can be refunded only to a legal representative in person of the executor or administrator.

No widow or heir can collect without letters of administration. Steps will be taken to refund the money as promptly as possible. A check for the amount, \$377,836 was deposited in the Citizens' National bank at Raleigh.

A NEW SECRETARY OF STATE.

Governor Fowle on the 4th appointed Captain Octavius Coke, of Raleigh to succeed the late Colonel W. L. Saunders, Secretary of State. He is a Virginian by birth, and has distinguished connections in that State.

He is a brother of Senator Coke, of Texas, and of Captains John and Alexander Coke, of Richmond Virginia. Since the war he has made his home in this State, and has been one of the most prominent and influential Democrats in the State, and has enjoyed great personal popularity.

In 1868 he removed to this State and entered upon the practice of law. His brilliancy as an orator quickly made an enviable reputation for him, and he was soon in political arena, and from that time on has done fine service in campaigns.

In 1872 he was chosen Presidential elector for his district, and in 1876 he was elected Senator from the First District. In the Senate his eloquence made a reputation for himself, and soon afterwards he located in Raleigh, and in 1880 was made chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee and conducted the campaign that year with marked vigor and ability.

Four years later he loomed up as a candidate for Governor, and received a handsome vote in the Democratic convention, being defeated by Alfred M. Seales. Captain Coke is popular among those who know him. He goes into office immediately, and will serve until January 1, 1893, when the terms of all the State officers expire.

Happy Hoosters.

Wm. Timmons, Postmaster of Idaville, Ind., writes: "Electric Bitters has done more for me than all other medicines combined, for that bad feeling arising from Kidney and Liver trouble." John Leslie, farmer and stockman, of same place, says: "Find Electric Bitters to be the best Kidney and Liver medicine, made me feel like a new man." J. W. Gardner, hardware merchant, same town, says: "Electric Bitters is just the thing for a man who is all run down and don't care whether he lives or dies; he found new strength good appetite and felt just like he had a new lease of life. Only 50c. a bottle, at J. & H. Hall's Drug Store.

THE RECALL OF BARON DE FAVA.

It was only to be expected that an event so unusual in this country as the recall of a foreign minister should create somewhat of a sensation and much comment. The summary breaking off of relations with the United States by Italy in the sudden recall of Baron de Fava, the Italian Minister to Washington, therefore, has very naturally led to considerable speculation as to the real meaning of the step, and what are likely to be its consequences.

It scarcely admits of doubt that the action of Italy was due to a misapprehension of our system of government, and that it was both hasty and unwise. Itself a monarchy, with a recognized central head, the Italian Government cannot fully understand that under our Federal system of government we are a series of republics combined together to form one great republic. It seems impossible to impress upon the mind of the Italian ministry itself as changeable through party disputes as are cabinets in this country—that a State of the United States is, in the management of its domestic affairs, absolutely sovereign, and as independent of central control at Washington as it is of any foreign nation, and that, therefore, when an internal difficulty arises in any State, the general Government has no power to remedy it, except through the medium of the United States Courts, which are the real arbiters between the States, the Federal Government and foreign nationalities. To the centralizing, revolutionary and unconstitutional teachings of the Republican party, which has had control of the Government—with one brilliant exception—continually for over a quarter of a century, this fact is mainly due. Had Secretary Blaine, when the New Orleans trouble first occurred openly explained our system to the representative of Italy in Washington, instead of paltering, as he did with the fundamental principles of our government, in all likelihood Baron de Fava would not have been recalled, at least until the State of Louisiana, through the grand jury investigating the killing of the Mafians in New Orleans, had made their report.

9,000,000 OF MORTGAGES.

Hal Ayer says one of the departments of the government the Census Office is a sadly interesting place to visit. In a long and full system of file boxes, there are abstracts of nine millions of mortgages which are hanging over the farms and real estate of the people of the United States. Yes, millions! And this number does not include chattel mortgages, lien bonds nor the debts on farms that may be occupied by tenants; and it may be that many thousands of farms are not included even in his appalling evidence of almost hopeless debt which hovers gloomily, depressingly and threateningly over the heads of eight millions of farmers.

Do you grasp it? Nine millions of reported mortgages means a mortgage to every seven inhabitants of the nation, or almost a mortgage to every family in the United States. Putting the number of counties in the United States at 2,740, which is something over the actual number, it appears that there is an average of more than three thousand mortgages to every county in the Union; and it is authentically stated that the total interest on some of these mortgages amount to 40 per cent. annually.

MISCELLANEOUS.

WHAT IS SCROFULA

It is that impurity in the blood, which, accumulating in the glands of the neck, produces unsightly lumps or swellings; which causes painful running sores on the arms, legs, or feet; which develops ulcers in the eyes, ears, or nose, often causing blindness or deafness; which is the origin of pimples, cancerous growths, or the many other manifestations usually ascribed to "humors;" which, fastening upon the lungs, causes consumption and death. Being the most ancient, it is the most general of all diseases or affections, for very few persons are entirely free from it.

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Improvement

in my condition, my appetite began to return and with it came the ability to digest all the food taken, my strength improved each day, and after a few months of faithful attention to your directions, I found myself a well woman, able to attend to all household duties. The medicine has given me a new lease of life, and I cannot thank you too much." Wm. the undersigned, citizens of Brockway Centre, Mich., hereby certify that the above statement, made by Mrs. Lake, is true in every particular and entitled to full credence.—O. F. Chamberlain, G. W. Waring, C. A. Wells, Druggists. "My brother, in England, was, for a long time, unable to attend to his occupation, by reason of sores on his foot. I sent him Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and the testimonials it contained induced him to try Ayer's Sarsaparilla. After using it a little while, he was cured, and is now a well man, working in a sugar mill at Brisbane, Queensland, Australia." A. Attewell, Sharbot Lake, Ontario.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

Notice. THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING QUALIFIED as administrator of James Waller, deceased, hereby gives notice to all persons having claims against the estate of the said James Waller to exhibit them to him on or before the 1st day of June, 1892. This, 1st day of April, 1892. H. JONES, Adm'r of James Waller, dec'd.

Administrator's Notice.

HAVING THIS DAY QUALIFIED BEFORE the Clerk of the Superior Court of Granville County as administrator of Bryant Cash, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment to the undersigned, hereby against said estate to present them for payment on or before the 15th day of March, 1892, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of said claims. This, 9th day of March, 1892. M. L. COLEY, Adm'r of Bryant Cash, deceased.

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THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING DULY QUALIFIED as administrator of the estate of Bryant Cash, deceased, hereby gives notice to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment to him, and to those holding claims against said estate to present them for payment, as heretofore notified to do, otherwise the notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This, 27th March, 1892. J. W. HAYS, Adm'r. B. A. COLEY, Adm'r.

Notice.

State of North Carolina, Superior Court County of Granville, Clerk's Office. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL WHO may be concerned, that the undersigned incorporated company have filed their petition to amend the charter or act of incorporation heretofore granted in the particulars in said petition specified, and that it will apply to have the same application heard and passed upon in the clerk's office of said Superior Court in the office of the clerk of the court house in Oxford, on the 18th day of April, 1892. This, March 18th, 1892. MODERN TOBACCO BARN CO. E. D. STEELE, Adm'r. March 20-4w.

Sale of Valuable Land.

BY VIRTUE OF A DEED IN TRUST EXECUTED to me by James C. Moss and wife on 28th March, 1887, registered in book 25, page 92, I shall on Monday, the 4th day of May, 1892, offer for sale to the highest bidder, at public auction, at the court house door in Oxford, one of the tracts of land described in said deed, being the tract of 12 1/2 acres, known as the tract of the late Mrs. Sarah Smith, deceased, adjoining the lands of Wm. Hunt, the said James C. Moss, deceased, and others, in the county of Granville. This land will be sold subject to the rights of the tenant for the present year, and the purchaser will take the rents. The terms of sale provided in said deed are cash, and the terms will be made with the purchaser if desired. JOHN W. HAYS, Trustee. April 1st, 1892.

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BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY CONFERRED on the undersigned by a degree of Granville Superior Court made in the cause therein entitled "A. H. A. Williams, suing on behalf of himself and other creditors of B. F. Bullock, deceased, etc. vs. L. H. Bullock, administrator of B. F. Bullock, deceased, et al." we will sell to the highest bidder, at public auction, at the court house door in Oxford, N. C., on Saturday, April 25th, 1892, a certain tract of land situated in Granville county, Dutchville township, lying on the waters of Cedar and Robinson creeks, adjoining the lands of L. F. Moss, Mrs. Jeffries and others, containing 300 acres, same being the home place of B. F. Bullock, deceased, near Mt. Energy. This land will be divided into three or more tracts and sold in separate tracts. The terms of the sale are one-fourth cash, balance on a credit to bear 6 per cent. interest. H. T. WATKINS, B. F. BULLOCK, Administrators. March 24th, 1892.

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