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BRIEF MENTIONS.

Picked up and Put in Shape from the Town and County.

- Crops continue to improve.
- Don't let the grass get the best of you.
- This is good weather for ice drinks.
- Irish potatoes are small this year and few in the hill.
- Some of our young ladies are so bright they need no light in the parlor.
- Mr. J. M. Currin now rides around with ease and comfort as he has a new canopy-top phaeton.
- We learn that the Meadows mill, near Berea, is being thoroughly overhauled preparatory to grinding the coming crop.
- We are sorry to learn of the sickness of County Commissioner W. H. Garner, of Grissom, and wish him a speedy recovery.
- Dr. R. I. Hatchett, father of Mrs. A. Fairbrother, and Mr. A. Hatchett, died in Durham on Tuesday in his 82nd year.
- The assessors have their hands full this week, as they have in their power to say what taxes shall be paid on real estate in the county.
- One of Carlton's distinguished statesmen and leader of the Douglasites in Vance, Mr. Hewitt Hicks, was on our streets Saturday.
- Mr. J. D. Grissom, an aged and most highly esteemed citizen of the Creedmoor section died on Tuesday after a lingering illness. He was 72 years of age.
- Mrs. Amos Edwards, sister of our foreman, E. W. Harper, died near Durham on Friday morning after an illness of several weeks. The remains were taken to Warrenton for burial.
- A red steer is now one of the inhabitants of the enclosure of the county jail. It is not known whether the great Rev. Bill is fattening him to feed the prisoners on or whether he is a ward on the county.
- A very large congregation was present on Sunday night at the union services at the Methodist church. In fact all that attended could not get in. Rev. J. Ernest Thacker discussed in a practical way the Providences of God.
- A farmer struck one of our elegant Pop gentlemen of leisure in Oxford on Friday and asked him if he wanted to buy some honey. He said no. Do you want to buy some meat? No. Well, you do not want anything but office was the reply of the farmer.
- The sky-scraping speeches of the gold-bugs seem to have fallen flat. When the honest voters began to look into the matter they discovered that there was more personal interest than sincere conviction among the leaders of the gold standard party.
- Mrs. Faucette wishes to announce to patrons and friends of College Street Seminary, that the exercises of this institution will be resumed on the first Monday in Sept., with a full and competent corps of teachers. A liberal patronage is desired.
- Many of our older citizens will be pained to learn of the death of Rev. Dr. J. L. Carroll, who many years ago was a citizen of Oxford. He served faithfully as minister of the Baptist Church for 30 years, and the church loses truly a most zealous worker.
- The game of base ball Tuesday afternoon at Horner Park between the Franklin Va., team and Oxford drew forth a large crowd of people. The game was quite interesting, but the Franklin boys were too much for our boys and they walked off with a score of 15 to 9.
- If you who read this happen to be a regular sponger on your neighbor for the news of the county as given by the PUBLIC LEADER, we ask you to be a man, and stop dead-beating the editor who is working hard to build up the town and county and subscribe to it.
- The Greenville Reflector says that a man in that town has a hopen that smells so bad it drew the onions up out of the ground in a neighbor's garden. Some in Oxford are liable to draw some of the people in bed which may result in their having to be wrapped up in a "wooden overcoat."
- The noble order is still simmering and Cary will be large enough to hold it this time. The State Alliance will meet the second week of August at Cary. It is becoming a small affair when such a small town as Cary can hold within its bounds such great statesmen as belong to the noble Douglassites.
- Our young people enjoyed a most delightful German at Armory Hall Tuesday night to the sweet strains of music furnished by the Durham string band. Of course the young ladies looked their sweetest and best, and the young gentlemen were gallant and willing worshippers at the shrine of lovely woman.
- Durham seems to be alive to the re-establishment of a good leaf market, and hence we want Oxford to put on new grit and energy and increase our leaf sale the coming season. Let us all unite and do all within our power to have the Oxford and Coast Line Railroad completed and then we will be sure to increase the trade of Oxford.

AN ABSURD ACT.

A Bungling Incompetency of the Legislature--Fine Enrolling.

It is given out by a Raleigh correspondent of the Observer, of all acts passed by the late Douglas Memorial Legislature, "chapter 364 of 1895," for downright neglect, incompetency, ignorance and absurdity heads the list. This "fact" which is a verbatim copy of the law as it is as follows:

AN ACT TO ENABLE POLK COUNTY TO ISSUE BONDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the bonds of county commissioners of Polk county shall have power and are hereby authorized to issue bonds to the amount of \$25,000 to be due one fifth of each year for five years, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, and to be in denominations of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500), in such proportion for each year when its same shall mature as the said bond of county commissioners may determine; said bonds to have coupons attached for the amount of interest due, which shall be decided by the sheriff or tax collector of said county in payment of county taxes at any time after the maturity of the same. Provided, that the bonds so issued shall not be sold for less than par value; and provided further that said bonds shall be made payable at such place as the bonds of commissioners may determine, and shall be signed by the chairman of said county board, and said bonds shall be kept a record of the number and amount of each bond issued, the date of its issue, and when the same matured.

Sec. 2. That the proceeds of the bonds issued by virtue of the act, shall be for the purchasing for Polk county a farm, lying therein, for the maintenance of the poor and paupers of said county, and for repairing the court house and jail of said county.

Sec. 3. That it shall be the duty of the board of justice of the peace, acting with the commissioners of said county, to provide for the payment of the bonds and coupons provided for in section one (1) of this act upon their maturity, and if necessary authorized and empowered to levy a special tax annually for fifteen years, which shall be sufficient to pay said bonds and coupons as they fall due, and which shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as the general tax; Provided, in the levy of the same, they shall observe the constitutional question between the tax on property and on the poll.

Sec. 4. That before said bonds are issued, the said commissioners shall cause an election to be held in said county, the first giving thirty (30) days' notice of the same; upon the question of issuing of said bonds; and if a majority of the votes of the qualified voters of said county shall be cast in favor of said issue, the same shall be issued, as herein provided, at the first of June meeting of said commissioners and magistrates next immediately after said election; otherwise this act shall be of no effect.

Sec. 5. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Enacted the 13th day of March, A. D. 1895.

I have seen the original bill as it passed both houses and ordered enrolled for ratification. The original bill was doubtless intended to be the law. It is plainly written and correct. There are so many errors in the enrolled bill that I can only call your attention to the differences between the two bills (the bill that passed, and the enrolled and ratified bill) by the following extract:

For "bond" of county commissioners read "board."

For "having" interest read "bearing" interest.

For "its" same read "the" same.

Whenever the word "Davie" occurs read "said."

For "county signed" read "countersigned."

For "the" act read "this" act.

For "bond of justice" read "board of justices."

For constitutional "question" read constitutional "equation."

For "first of June" meeting read "joint June" meeting.

For "and" "magistrate" and "magistrates."

For this act shall be of effect read shall be of "no" effect.

For "in" "force" from read "in" "effect" from.

The decision of the Supreme court in the assignment case, of course, precludes "going behind the returns." That decision puts a premium on incompetency and is a disgrace to the State.

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