

THE PUBLIC LEDGER.

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The second annual session of the Association of County Supervisors of Public Schools will be held in Raleigh Tuesday and Wednesday, December 27th and 28th.

Rah! for the Tar Heels! The foot ball team of the University of North Carolina defeated the Virginia University team in Richmond on Thursday last by the close score of 6 to 2, thereby winning the foot ball championship of the South. 3,000 people witnessed the game.

In the last Congress there were 28 Populists in the House. This year only four Populists have been elected to Congress in all the United States, according to a statement in New York World. Those lonely 4 are one from Colorado, one from Kansas and two from Nebraska.

The crops at the penitentiary farms are so large, particularly the cotton crop, that there are not enough convicts to harvest them. It seems that there are under 600 convicts now on the five farms. It seems that there will be something like 8,800 bales of cotton and 18,000 barrels of corn.

U. S. Grant, son of the dead general, is a Republican candidate for United States Senator from California. His candidacy is opposed by some of the Republicans of that State on the ground that, though a Republican now, he was a Populist until quite recently, and took a more or less active part in politics.

It is said Lieutenant Hobson received an offer of \$5,000 from each of two magazines simultaneously for an article descriptive of his exploit with the Merrimac at Santiago and put the affair in the hands of a legal agent, who succeeded in running the offered price up to \$6,000, at which figure the bargain was concluded.

The Rev. I. M. B. Thompson, pastor of a Baptist church in Woodbury, N. J., has raised a storm which may result in his resignation by endorsing a request of some colored Baptists to use the baptismal pool of the church to immerse their converts. Some of the white people objected, and the congregation is divided.

Youngsville, S. C., Yeoman, says: "That was a glorious victory the Democrats of North Carolina won over the hosts of darkness two weeks ago, and we congratulate them most heartily. The newspapers of the State labored early and late, day after day and week after week for the success of the revolution and the result is most significant."

The Davie Times gives some good advice, as follows: The election is now over, and if every man, no difference of what party, will exert just as much energy in the interest of his town and county as he did for his party, we will see a wonderful improvement in the next two years. Let everybody go to work with this end in view.

The Rev. Dr. L. G. Broughton, pastor of a fashionable Baptist church in Atlanta, Ga., made an innovation in his services some Sundays ago by replacing the six staid deacons who have hitherto passed the contribution platter by six young women of the congregation. It had the effect of making the young and susceptible bachelors attend the services in force, and the amount of money collected was considerably greater than usual.

Two hundred students from Wake Forest College and 150 from Trinity College were in Raleigh Thursday night to hear the annual debate between these colleges for a gold cup presented by the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. The subject of debate was "Whether the United States should adopt a Policy of Expansion." Trinity having the affirmative and Wake Forest the negative. The committee awarded the prize to Trinity.

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Last Thursday was Thanksgiving day, which was originally an adaptation of the old thanksgiving after harvest has acquired in this generation a peculiarly national significance. It is a day of public acknowledgment to God, not merely for the return of seed-time and harvest and the kindly fruits of the earth, but for the general prosperity of the people, their protection from public perils and their growth and advancement as a nation, and of united prayer for the continuance of His guidance and blessing. We in North Carolina are very thankful for the overthrow of demagogic negro rule on the 8th of November.

The large majority in the Legislature carries with it a grave responsibility, and it is fortunate for the Democratic party as well as for the State that in this Legislature will be so many able and conservative members says the Chatham Record. We hope and believe that they will legislate so wisely and prudently that all men—even those who voted against them—will approve and applaud their acts. If they do not there may be another great change in the Legislature to be elected in 1900. We would remind them of the fact that the Democrats had just as large majority in the Legislature of 1885, and yet lost control of the House in the next Legislature. Let not history repeat itself in this respect!

THANKS FOR REPUBLICANS AND POPULISTS.

The Wilmington Messenger has delayed performing a duty and pleasure under the pressure of other editorial demands. It is to return to the Republicans and Populists who aided the Democrats so much in the recent election the very cordial thanks of the Wilmington Messenger, and its most earnest felicitations for the noble work they did. They rose above prejudice and habit, and above narrow partisanship, and manfully and patriotically came to the rescue of North Carolina from negro rule and negro ruin. The appeals of their race were higher than the claims of party. The crying necessities of the times and the high sense of patriotic duty clothed them with new power, and they stood by the White Men who were anxiously, earnestly, bravely seeking to place both races henceforth under the government of the White Race. It was nobly done, and every man of them richly deserve the united, hearty thanks of every Democrat. They proved themselves real friends of North Carolina so misgoverned and wronged. They laid aside their national political principles, and hearing the cry of their race they came up to the help of their neighbors and friends in the hour of distress, and when the battle was raging heavily against them. They deserve the civic crown that the good and honest citizen wears. If they would continue to help the Democrats in all proper efforts to serve and bless North Carolina, they will increase the obligation.

A WORD TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The News & Observer well says county commissioners should as soon after taking charge as possible publish a statement of affairs of the county, showing its indebtedness, and credit of the county. This, in addition to the statement of receipts and disbursements required. The annual statement is too long for the average man to wade through it, and it does not show the full condition of the affairs of the county.

In the selection of men for all positions none but true and faithful Democrats should be put on guard, but no man should be chosen unless he has peculiar fitness for the work required even if he is "a Hebrew of the Hebrews."

In selecting between aspirants, the commissioners should not elect anybody who is kin to them, should not show favoritism, and should give a fair hearing and an equal chance to all aspirants. They can hurt the party and hurt the administration of county affairs by mistakes at this point more than most men imagine.

The people at home are living upon the strictest economy. The affairs of the counties should be conducted upon similar economical lines. Wherever a cut ought to be made it should be made. Public officers ought to be paid fairly for the services rendered, but the compensation ought not to be so much greater than men earn in the private walks of life as to make everybody want office in order to make more money than they can make at other employment.

This is a good time to inaugurate

practical reforms. The legislature is expected to meet the expectations of the people, but no matter how wise and economical the legislature may be, it is the county commissioners who levy and disburse most of the money, and the duty is upon them in their sphere as upon the legislators in their wider field of action.

MOUNTAIN BOYS ON A JAG.

Story of Their Wild Doings on a Murphy Train.

From forty to fifty of the peacefully behaved soldiers who had been mustered out in Asheville waited peacefully last Saturday afternoon at the railroad station until the time drew near for the Murphy branch train to start when peacefully they boarded it. Hardly had the wheels of the train revolved a dozen times than a startling metamorphosis took place in the erstwhile well-behaved ex-soldiers. They became dare-devils, reckless and riotous. They had complete possession of one car. In the other were several passengers whose hair will grow gray long before they forget that afternoon's wild ride.

"Whoop!" yelled a big fellow just as the train started out of the Asheville station. He was waving a bottle of corn whiskey in one hand and brandishing a revolver in the other. Then he aimed his revolver at a car window and sent six bullets crashing through the pane. As if it had been a signal, pistols were everywhere drawn and bullets flew out of the car window as though it were a fortress in action. People standing on the station platform heard balls whistle past their ears. As told in Saturday's Gazette a young negro was shot in the wrist.

Conductor Russell thought then that this outburst of exuberance was over. It had just begun. Revolvers were re-loaded, and as the train passed a lonely place the ex-soldiers turned their attention to the car. One drew a big knife and slashed the plush seat covering into ribbons; another stood up in his seat and deliberately kicked a mirror to pieces.

Conductor Russell made a stand. "I can't allow this," he cried. "You've gone too far. Stop this row." A chorus of laughter was the only reply he got.

"Hadn't a chance to shoot Spaniards an' have certainly got ter shoot somethin'," said a burly Murphy man as he lifted his pistol and shot a lamp globe into smithereens. Bang! The other globe was smashed. The riotous fever had struck the other car. The passengers were huddled in a corner of the car, frightened for their lives, while pistol shots rang deafeningly, followed by the crashing of glass and splintering of wood. Smoke enveloped the car's interior in an opaque haze. In both cars the ruffians were slashing the plush seats, kicking them down and acting like demons of destruction.

The supply of ammunition seems to have been inexhaustible, as was also, beyond doubt, the supply of corn whiskey. From Asheville to Murphy the shooting and drinking continued without intermission. The reckless fellows stopped at nothing. Some swarmed about the engine cab and out the whistle cord. The train crew were helpless against so many and were glad enough when the train reached Murphy to have escaped with their lives.

Conductor Russell as the train reached Waynesville threatened to side track it for the night, but some of the ruffians threatened to burn it if he did, and having plenty of evidence that they were capable of doing it, he ran the train to the terminus of the route.

The train was brought into the station yesterday. One of the cars will have to go to the repair shop. Both vehicles look as though lunatics had gone through them using axes. A conservative estimate places the damage at \$250. For this the railroad company has no redress; the men had been mustered out of the army, so that Uncle Sam would hardly consent to foot the bill.—Asheville Citizen.

School Funds Disbursed—Labor Statistics.

From advance sheets of the annual report of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction these interesting facts are gathered. The school fund disbursed for white school teachers was \$451,474, colored \$227,195; for school houses for whites, \$30,663, colored \$16,507; paid city schools \$34,490; paid treasurers' commissions \$17,269; expended for other

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purposes \$46,297. Total, \$832,836; balance on hand \$185,599.

The census of children of school age shows 211,355 white males, 200,788 females, total, 412,143; total enrollment 114,625 males, 107,629 females, total 222,252; average attendance 110,677.

Colored males of school age 106,054, females 105,465, total 211,519; enrollment 60,856, males, 70,648, females, total 131,404; average attendance 38,548.

Value public school property white \$644,309; colored \$234,324. Average length of school term 13 1/2 weeks white, 10 9 10 weeks colored, and in cities and towns 36 weeks. There are 3,438 white and 1,545 colored school houses.

The amount appropriated to white schools is \$485,203; colored \$244,468. The total assessed value of white property is \$211,301,836; colored \$7,350,064. Amount paid for schools by whites \$507,273; colored \$79,392.

From advance sheets of the annual report of the Bureau of Labor Statistics it is learned that there are in operation 191 spinning or weaving cotton mills and 29 hosiery mills; total 220. There are 24,535 looms and 1,054 spindles. But 47 per cent. of the mills run day and night, thus giving a consuming power of 519,300 spindles. The consumption of cotton during the year is 163,389,000 pounds, the report will say. The erection of new mills added 43,000 spindles and 230 looms, while old mills enlarged their plants to the amount of 16,820, while in two fires 3,320 burned, so that the net gain was 56,600 spindles for 1898. The average day's work is 11 1/2 hours and 293 was the average number of days on which mills were in operation out of the year, with its 313 working days.

Honor Roll, 2nd Month.

For (Miss) Rosa Edwards' school, near Watkins station. What the honor roll in our school means.

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The great Democratic party will again take charge of the legislative halls at the capital of North Carolina. Let all the people rejoice. It means peace and good government for all the people from the mountains to the sea. And right here we want to emphasize the fact that while negro rule and negro office-holding will forever come to an end in North Carolina, yet the negro will receive, at the hands of the great Democratic party, fair treatment, as he has always received. But let the negro understand once for all that his race can never dominate the Anglo-Saxon race. The great Democratic victory yesterday is a blessing to the negroes themselves.—Goldshoro Argus.



A New Obstacle.

The old obstacles that used to prevent the marriage of loving couples are out of date. The blood-and-thunder villain is a myth nowadays. The cruel father is only a tradition. Distance, absence and shipwreck in these days of cheap, safe and swift transportation do not count. The new obstacle is a common sense one. It is ill-health on one side or the other, and sometimes on both.

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Sale of Land.

Pursuant to an order and decree of the Superior court of Granville county, made in the special proceeding entitled E. H. Vazey, Executor of Elizabeth Waller, dec'd, vs. Rebecca Roberts and others, I shall on

MONDAY, THE 2ND DAY OF JAN., 1899, it being the first Monday in January, 1899, sell to the highest bidder at the court house door in Oxford, N. C., the tract of land mentioned and described in the petition in and proceeding which is as follows, to wit: A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Dutchville township, Granville county, adjoining the lands of E. J. Nance, Wm. Roberts, Frank Goss and others, containing 175 acres more or less, it being the tract of land owned by the said Elizabeth Waller at the time of her death.

Terms of sale: One half cash and the balance in 12 months with interest on the deferred payment from day of sale and title to be retained till the purchase money is paid in full. Time of sale 12 o'clock M., This, Nov. 23rd, 1898.

E. H. VAZEY, Commissioner. B. S. ROYSTER, Atty.

Sale of Land.

By virtue of a Deed in Trust executed to B. T. Winston by James W. West and wife Mary E. West and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Granville county, N. C., in Book 38, page 501, I shall as executor of the late B. T. Winston on

MONDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF DEC., 1898, offer for sale to the highest bidder at public auction at the court house door in Oxford, for cash, the land described and conveyed in said Deed of Trust, situated in Oak Hill township, in the Granville county of Granville, adjoining the lands of R. W. Downey and others and bounded as follows: Beginning on rock corner David Harris, running South 184 rods to corner post in branch, thence North 58 1/2 degrees W. to R. W. Downey's corner in Chandler's line, thence about North along Downey and Harris' line to Harris' corner, thence South 7 1/2 degrees E. along Harris' line 98 rods to beginning, containing 107 acres more or less. This, Nov. 19, 1898.

W. WINSTON, E. H. VAZEY, Commissioner. nov 21-4v.

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