

County News Notes.

Short Accounts of Happenings Among Our Neighbors.

By Our Correspondents

Wilton Whisperings.

All crops are in good shape. Mr. J. F. Jeffreys, of Atlanta, was in Wilton Saturday.

Fairport Fables.

Mr. Harry Harris is very sick. We are having some nice growing weather at this time.

Salem Sayings.

A very severe rain, wind and hail storm passed through a portion of Salem township last Saturday at 5 o'clock p. m.

The Government Should Aid in Road Buildings.

Approximately \$15,000,000 is now available in the U. S. treasury for the reclamation of arid lands, this amount to be expended in 16 States and Territories, under the Irrigation act of 1902.—Home and Farm.

With the River and Harbor appropriations amounting to twenty to forty millions annually, and the immense amount being spent for reclaiming and irrigating the worn out and sterile lands of the West, it becomes more important each day that our congressional representatives should push the passage of the Brownlow bill, appropriating annually \$20,000,000 to the several States to aid in the improvement of the public roads.

I want to see this matter taken up and discussed by our public men and the press until our whole people shall be aroused on this subject as to demand that something along the line of Mr. Brownlow's proposals shall be engraved into our national laws.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Mr. Hancock Re-elected Chairman, and Prof. J. C. Howard, Superintendent. This very important body met on Monday with Messrs. F. W. Hancock, G. B. Royster and Dr. J. F. Sanderford present.

The following is the report of Superintendent Howard, which has the right ring about it, and we publish it for the benefit of those interested in the school work:

In connection with my annual report of statistics of the schools of this county, I wish to say that my relation with this Board has been very agreeable. I thank you each for the kind treatment at your hands.

Now would I earnestly ask of you to untie the hands of your Superintendent, for I am fully persuaded that in order to meet the ends demanded by the public spirit, he must be constantly in the field, kept in touch and sympathy with the teachers, scholars and patrons; to advise and instruct teachers; to correct errors, and prevent the abuse of public funds.

Only those on the outskirts of the consolidated districts ever bring any complaint, and their complaints seem to be just when we think of little children between six and twelve years of age having to walk from three to five miles over rough roads and through bad weather.

Wanted.—Real estate, town property, farms, mineral and timber lands, or your business bought, sold or exchanged.

Excursion to Raleigh. On Thursday, July 16th, the Seaboard Air Line will run a special train from Weldon to Raleigh, taking passengers up to and including Wake Forest.

A Surgical Operation is always dangerous—do not submit to the surgeon's knife until you have tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It will cure when everything else fails—it has done this in thousands of cases.

STATE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

A Profitable Session and Enjoyable Time.—Labor Commissioner Varner Elected President.

The editors of the State attending the 31st annual meeting of the State Press Association, at Wrightsville, enjoyed a most pleasant session in a congenial way, at a delightful resort last week.

The Wilmington people appreciate the meetings of the Press in their section, and are always kind and clever in their attentions. The Press recognizes this feeling.

The losses and insurance in this morning's fire are as follows: M. P. Jordan Company, machinery and stock, \$20,000; insurance \$19,000; Gorman Wright Company, \$9,000; insurance \$4,250.

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Baby Lost in a Blaze.

Wednesday morning the dwelling house of Mr. E. L. Winston, who lives about half a mile from Youngville, was completely destroyed by fire and his five months old baby was burned with it.

Mr. Winston was in the field at work and his wife, together with their other children, had just locked the house, leaving the little baby asleep and went to carry her husband some water.

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Meeting of Magistrates.

On Monday a majority of the magistrates of the county met in the court house in joint session with the Board of County Commissioners to levy the tax for the current year.

The levy for the year is as follows: On each \$100 of property: For State and pension, 25c; for school, 18c; for general county, 23 2/3c; for general county special, 10c; interest on road bonds, 3/8c. Total, 30c.

Meeting of Board of Equalization. The Board of County Commissioners and the Chairman of each township board of assessors and list takers, will meet in the court house on Monday, July 13th, 1903, as the Board of Equalization.

The Pension Board. The Pension Board of Granville county met in the Clerk's office in the court house Monday with Dr. S. D. Booth, Messrs. Milton Blacklock, E. I. Bredlove and J. T. Britt present.

No Pity Shown. "For years fate was after me continuously" writes F. A. Gulleger, Verbena, Ala. "I had a terrible case of piles causing 24 tumors. When all failed, Beck's America Salve cured me. Equally good for burns and all such ills and pains. Only 25c at J. G. Hall's."

STATEMENT. Receipts and Disbursements of the Oxford Dispensary, March 20th to July 1st.

Net Profits. H. M. Shaw, Treasurer. H. M. Shaw being duly sworn, makes oath that the foregoing statement of receipts and disbursements is true and correct.

TOWN OF OXFORD, N. C. \$46,500 Refunding Bonds. Sealed proposals will be received by the Mayor and Board of Town Commissioners of the town of Oxford, N. C., until 5 p. m. August 3, 1903, for the purchase of \$46,500 gold bonds of the town of Oxford, N. C.

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WILL GIVE A BUGGY AWAY. For the Purpose of Advertising During a Dull Season the Public Ledger will Give Valuable Prize \$65

The rule of good advertisers is to advertise in dull seasons more than in the more lively times of the business year. The Public Ledger will follow this rule.

The tickets will be numbered from 1 to 300. Duplicate tickets will be printed and numbered and one of these duplicates thus numbered will be drawn out and placed in the First National Bank of Oxford to be held till the contest closes.

Artists' Materials Notice of Service by Publication. Tube paints, water colors, brushes, and material for crayon or charcoal drawing.

BANKING BY MAIL! Absolutely safe and convenient method of saving money. Put your money in a good strong Savings Bank and get 4 PER CENT. INTEREST