THE JOURNAL.

NEW BERNE, N. C., JUNE 4, 1891.

Wholesale Market Country Produce.

Corn, from 70.80c.bush.
Rough rice, 90@$1.
Field peas, 70@80c.
SEED OATS—70@80c.
Peanuts, 60@65c.
Turkeys, $1 25@1.75.
Chickens—25@35c. pr; young 25@35c.
Fresh pork, 4@5c.
Grass fed beef, 4@5c.; stall fed, 5@6c.
Ducks, Eng. 45@50c.; Muscovy 75@80c.
Eggs, 11@12c.
Cotton—Sales Saturday of 11 bales at 7½c. Sales for the week 79 bales against none same week last year.

CITY AND VICINITY.

The Florida deed-lock is broken. Senator Call is re-elected.

The first cotton bloom of the season is on our desk. It is from Texas, though, and sent us by Mr. Z. C. Smith.

Work has been commenced at Ransom's Spring about two miles from the city, clearing away the obstructions for the erection of the water works.

The union meeting of the Atlantic Baptist Association held at Morehead was a good one. The Union was well represented and $110 was raised—the greater portion of which was for church buildings to be divided equally between the churches at Catherine Lake, Seven Springs and Bayboro.

A Canadian paper dollar was received here yesterday from Ohio. It is a pretty "greenback" and with a careless look it might be mistaken for one issued by Uncle Sam but for the picture of the Queen on the front. It was sent to Gen. R. D. Hancock in paying an order for medicine manufactured by his brother, Mr. F. W. Hancock.

The Raleigh News and Observer says that it was definitely ascertained on Thursday that the dead man found on the railroad near Princeton, who was killed by being knocked from the excursion train, was Eugene Hood of that city. Parties from Raleigh said it was certain the man was Hood, although it was with difficulty that he was identified.

The Kinston Free Press says: "Some little diversion was afforded some of our citizens last week observing the vast quantity of bats coming out of a small hole just below the roof of Messrs. Ottinger Bros.' store. A net was placed in front of the hole about time for them to come out, and 213 were caught and killed.

A correspondent from Wildwood writes us an extended account of an interesting picnic held May 23d at Belmont school house by the Belmont Sunday school. Four hundred people attended. Our correspondent writes that he will venture to say that at no time was greater success ever achieved so far as a picnic is concerned. We regret that lack of space forbids our giving a fuller account.

Pollocksville High School, Mr. E. M. Koonce, principal, visited New Berne Friday on a picnic excursion. They touched at New Berne in the morning, then crossed to Fowler's Ferry, opposite New Berne, and took dinner; then went down the river about seven miles on the steamer Kinston, after which they returned to New Berne and spent an hour or two before returning home. There were about 150 on the picnic. Come again.

At the meeting of the board of county commissioners and magistrates $800 was appropriated towards making an exhibit of the resources of the county at the Southern Exposition to be held at Raleigh next fall and the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893. Remarks in advocacy of this move were made by Messrs. Wm. Dunn, C. E. Foy and C. R. Thomas. This is a commendable action on the part of the board of commissioners and magistrates and the amount allowed is none too large to give Craven county a creditable exhibit of her resources and products.

The Kinston Free Press gives a favorable mention of the school at Dover which Miss Myrtle E. Pope of this city has taught for three months past. It says the entertainment at the close of the school was creditable and quite interesting, the speeches and dialogues well selected and fairly well rendered, and those attending were rather surprised—their expectation being more than realized. Rev. J. C. McMullen, Presbyterian evangelist, in a very impressive manner delivered the premiums. The one for excellence in recitations was awarded to Miss Meta Outlaw, and Miss Kitty Foy secured the first premium for good deportment.

The board of county commissioners were in joint session with the magistrates of the county Monday for the purpose of levying taxes. The same levy was made as in the past. An interesting statement was read by the chairman drawing a comparison of the ratio of valuation of real estate in Craven county with that of numerous other counties in the State and the variation was very great. That of Craven county is scarcely half the average of other counties, and the assessors were urged upon to exercise great vigilance in making the new assessment and put a stop to one class bearing more than their share of the taxes.

The noted young Baptist minister, Rev. Thos. Dixon, of New York, will deliver a lecture on the night of Thursday June 11th, in the Baptist church at La Grange. An effort will be made to have a special train with reduced rates run to give our people an opportunity of hearing him. Mr. Dixon is pastor of the 2d Baptist church, New York, but such is his popularity the church is not adequate to accommodate his congregations, so Association Hall has been secured and that is where he preaches. His brilliant career has been watched with interest by North Carolinians generally. He is a native of Shelby in the western part of the State and was for a brief period located as pastor at Goldsboro and afterwards at Raleigh.

The Atlantic Hotel at Morehead was regularly opened for the season Monday but the visitors were beginning to arrive previous to that time. The first ones from another State were Mr. J. D. Cowan, a prominent and wealthy merchant of Knoxville, Tenn., and his two daughters, who arrived last Thursday to spend the summer at this grand seaside resort. For those who do not wish to be with the large crowd there are plenty of smaller places that offer abundant accommodations—prominent among them is the old New Berne House, kept now by Mr. Eugene Arthur, and the new boarding house of which Mr. Walter Homan is proprietor which has just been built, is pleasantly situated, fronts the water, has convenient bath houses and a yacht for the use of his patrons and is one of the first reached in entering Morehead.

WANTED. Do you want to live in your own County, and build up a Business that will make you a comfortable living, if so address "BUSINESS," Box 499 Wilmington, N. C. m30tjw1t

Superior Court.

Two cases occupied the attention of the court Thursday. The first was the State vs. Lillie Bright and Hetty Bragg alias Geffroy, affray. They were convicted and sentenced to jail for thirty days.

The next case was warmly contested and consumed the greater part of the day. It was the State vs. policemen Thomas Wilson and J. B. Dixon, charged with assault and battery on James Johnson, colored. Verdict, Not guilty. It was alleged that in arresting Johnson the policemen struck him with their clubs without justification or excuse, but the testimony showed that he was resisting and about to strike them and that the blows were given in self defence. Messrs. L. J. Moore, M. D. W. Stevenson and James W. Waters appeared for the defendants.

A large number of cases of liquor dealers who had been retailing without license were presented yesterday morning. They all submitted and judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

State vs Titus Martin, A. & B. on I. H. Smith. Defendant submitted.

State vs. Oscar Bell, charged with breaking in and entering the store of S. E. Hill. The jury found defendant not guilty.

State vs. James Williams, A. & B. on Henry Brinson. The jury found the defendant not guilty.

State vs. Robert Green and Jane Whitfield, F. & A. Not guilty.

The next case that came up was Jas. A. Bryan vs. Washington Spivey et als. Verdict rendered in favor of plaintiff. Messrs. L. J. Moore and W. W. Clark represented the plaintiff, and Messrs. Green & Stevenson the defendants.

The following cases occupied the attention of court Friday.

State vs. William Morris, A. & B., continued till Saturday. This is the case where the defendant struck Joe White with the hoe in Mr. Rhem's field on Thursday.

Claflin vs. Perry; ejectment; judgment for the plaintiff—that plaintiff recover the land mentioned in the complaint, but the plaintiff pay the costs.

Hughes vs. Commissioners; open.

Commissioners of Craven vs. L. W. Hancock; order making new parties; continued.

Commissioners of Craven vs. Emeline Tucker; order making new parties; continued.

Commissioners of Craven vs. C. E. Palmer; continued.

Commissioners of Craven vs. Wm. Gaskins; continued.

Commissioners of Craven vs. J. H. Thomas; continued.

Commissioners of Craven vs. R. B. Blackledge; continued.

Jackson vs. Wolfenden; continued.

Foy vs. J. H. Thomas; action to foreclose a mortgage; judgment for plaintiff.

Sokes vs. Cambj; amended judgment.

Henry James vs. Frank Allen; nonsuit.

Stimson vs. Randolph; non suit.

Hackburn vs. Avery; interlocutory judgment.

National Bank vs. A. R. Dennison; order appointing guardian ad litem; continued.

Harris vs. Congdon; action to recover money for labor performed; judgment for plaintiff for amount claimed.

Irvin West vs. Rosanna West; divorce; judgment for plaintiff.

The summons docket was taken up and called over by His Honor, which call consumed the afternoon.

The following are the cases disposed of by court Saturday:

Hahn vs. Spicer; judgment for plaintiff. Case retained by court and account ordered.

Dowd & Bryan vs. Watson; judgment for defendant.

R. G. Mosely vs. James C. Harrison administrator of Lewis Pope, deceased. Verdict for defendant.

Hughes vs. Commissioners of Craven. Order made Feb. term 1891 stricken out and plaintiff's action dismissed according to decision of Supreme Court.

Cherry vs. Cherry; action for divorce; verdict for plaintiff.

The balance of the afternoon was taken up to argue cases of Commissioners of Craven vs R. P. Williams, H. C. Whitehurst and Caroline N. Gardner, which were decided in favor of the defendant on the ground that the deeds were defective and the action barred by statute of limitation. Appeal taken by plaintiff.

The following cases made a full day's work for the court Monday:

Asher vs. Reizenstein, action to recover the value of a horse. Pending the trial a juror was withdrawn and a mistrial ordered.

Tucker vs. Burney, action of ejectment. Defendant set up a parole trust. Jury found for defendant.

Perry vs. Hahn; suit to recover damages. Mistrial. Jury disagreed and was discharged.

Watson vs. Watson; action for divorce. Judgment for plaintiff.

The following business was transacted on Tuesday:

The case of F. T. Patterson vs. W. B. Flanner resulted in non-suit, and judgment for defendant; Messrs Guion, Waters and L. J. Moore represented plaintiff; Messrs. M. DaW. Stevenson and W. W. Clark the defendant.

Becton vs. A. & N. C. R. R. Company. Verdict of the jury for $250 damages in favor of plaintiff. Messrs C. R Thomas, W. E. Clarke and H. L. Gibbs for plaintiff; W. W. Clark for defendant company.

Various judgments were signed and orders made, and court adjourned for the term.

Judge Henry G Conner has given great satisfaction as presiding judge during the term. A larger amount of business than usual has been transacted, and Judge Connor by his impartiality and legal ability has won for himself the general esteem of the bar and the community.

Commencement at Trenton.

The commencement exercises of Professor W. M. Rhodes' school will begin on the 8th and end on the 9th of June. Mr. Rhodes has the most flourishing school perhaps that has ever been in Trenton. There are between sixty and seventy scholars. A large crowd is expected at commencement, and a pleasant time anticipated by all. Hon. B. F. Grady will deliver the address

Mr. O. C Farrar Dead.

Mr. O. C. Farrar, one of the wealthiest, most active and progressive business men of Tarboro, died at his home Thursday morning, after several days' illness. He was formerly a tobacco manufacturer of New Berne. The firm was Walker, Farrar & Co. He left a large fortune, which he amassed himself. It was estimated some years ago at $300,000. A new Baptist church in Tarboro, which is to be dedicated Sunday, was virtually built by him—he contributed $10,000 towards it.

IMPORTANT CASE

A Ten Years' Suit for a Whole Town Decided for Plaintiff.

One of the most important civil cases that has ever been heard in the courts of North Carolina was decided before Judge Conner Thursday. It was a suit brought in 1880 by Mr. J. A. Bryan for the recovery of James City, a village opposite New Berne. The settlement is composed of colored people entirely and numbers nearly 1,000 inhabitants. The colony was first settled there in 1862 by the Federal Government, where they have continued to live and build up.

The land before the war belonged to the Speight and Donnell heirs, but was afterwards deeded to Mrs. J. A. Bryan. Since bringing the suit, which was about ten years ago, it has repeatedly been up for trial and postponed from time to time from one cause or another.

The case was heard by Judge Conner last February, but decision was withheld until the present term of the court. During that time Judge Conner, who is one of the finest jurists on the bench, and a gentleman known for his integrity and impartial views, has had time to examine into all the authorities and carefully deliberate upon the merits of the case. Judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiff.

We feel satisfied that Mr. Bryan will readily offer such terms as to bring about an amicable settlement and let them remain in their present location.

The James City Land Suit

In the history of jurisprudence in North Carolina no suit has become more famous than the land suit in which Mr. James A Bryan of this city is the plaintiff, and the inhabitants of James City are the defendants.

The land has been held by the Spaight family and their descendants ever since the days of King George III., and no question of title has ever been raised until within the last two decades.

Judge Conner has given the case three months of careful and impartial consideration, brought all of his great legal talent and learning to bear upon the question, and given judgment for the plaintiff, and we are advised that there is no principle of law or equity upon which the Supreme Court is likely to reverse his decision.

We have ever felt an interest in the termination of this case, and its consequences to the occupants of the land, and we have therefore, in view of the many rumors in circulation to the effect, that the people of James City are to be driven from their holdings, obtained from Mr. Bryan a statement of his views and intentions in the matter, of which the following is the substance: He is willing to give them the use of the ground upon which their school houses and churches stand, so long as they are used for school and church purposes, and for the aged and infirm who are unable to purchase to remain undisturbed upon the place; and is not only willing but prefers to make friendly and amicable arrangements with all parties now on the premises who desire to retain their homes. This statement, we think, ought to put an end to the silly rumors now afloat and satisfy the people of James City that they have nothing to lose but much to gain by a friendly settlement with Mr. Bryan.

Captured in Mississippi.

John Cox, a colored man who fled from Jones county under suspicion of having murdered William Sutton, colored, about three years ago, was apprehended at Greenwood, Mississippi, where he was living under an assumed name, brought back and lodged in Trenton jail on the 21st inst.

Cox quarrelled with and threatened to kill a cousin of his in Mississippi, who, thereupon, being acquainted with the facts in connection with his departure from North Carolina, made them known to the authorities and this led to his arrest. He stoutly denied his identy and denied ever having been in North Carolina until near his journey's end, when becoming convinced that these denials would avail him naught he owned that he was John Cox but did not make any confession as to his guilt.

LOOKING FOR MILLIONS.

Meeting of the Claimants to the Immense Edwards Estate.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 22, 1891.

ED. JOURNAL—The heirs of Robert Edwards are gathered in this city from every part of the United States and some from Canada, for the purpose of prosecuting their claims to the immense estate which is alleged to have been left. The estate consists of thirty-five acres of land in the heart of New York city, including in its center Old Trinity church. The property is valued at $3,000,000, or more.

It is claimed that one Robert Edwards leased, prior to the Revolutionary war, the land claimed by his decendants, to some one whose name is not mentioned. Edwards died in England, leaving three brothers in this country as heirs to his estate. The first effort on the part of the heirs to reclaim the property was made thirteen years ago. The meeting now assembled is due to a call made by the most conspicuous among the heirs who met on March the 27th, last, to see if there really were any grounds for the suit.

The meeting was called to order yesterday by W. H. Edwards, of Versailles, Ky., who has been active in getting the heirs together. He was elected permanent chairman, and Judge F. T. Fox permanent secretary. A resolution was offered by Judge Lockett, who was representing some of the heirs, providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate the various claims presented by the heirs, and adopted. The committee, as appointed by the chair, consisted of H. Edwards, of Indianapolis; M. A. Chipman, of Anderson, Ind.; J. R. Wallace, St. Louis; W. H. Edwards, Versailles, Ky.; Col. Isaac A. Sugg, Greenville, N. C., and F. T. Fox of Louisville.

A short session will again be held, after which the members will adjourn until called together by the committee which has been appointed to investigate the case.

Col. I. A. Sugg, of Greenville, N. C., is here as a representative of the heirs who assembled in Kinston, N. C., on the 30th of April last. X

Juvenile Musical Performers.

The New Berne Brass Band of juvenile performers is, without doubt, the most extraordinary band of musicians in the State. They are led by Mr. Amos W. Cook; the band is made up of six small boys, the oldest boy being fourteen years old, and the youngest only seven, three of the boys are sons of Mr. Cook. They have had only two months training, and their proficiency is so very remarkable, that their mode of execution lends additional melody to the airs they perform.

They are in truth, born musicians, and their performance would elicit expressions of admiration in any large city. It is generally wished by those who have heard them, that they would visit Morehead, during the Teachers' assemblage, and let the people throughout the State, know what New Berne can show in the way of musical talent. OBSERVER.

TO DISPEL COLDS.

Headaches and Fevers, to cleanse the system effectually, yet gently, when costive or bilious, or when the blood is impure or sluggish, to permanently cure habitual constipation, to awaken the kidneys and liver to a healthy activity, without irritating or weakening them, use Syrup of Figs.

Odd Saw.

Mr. George D. Gordner, who was for several years foreman of the planing mill of the New Berne Lumber Company, and is now putting up a mill near Aberdeen, Moore county, has written to his father in this city an account of a remarkable saw he observed at work in a mill there. The saw revolves like a circular saw but is simply a steel blade 8 inches wide and 4 feet long with only two teeth—one on each end of the saw, on opposite corners. Mr. Gordner says: "It saws the boards as nice and smooth as I have ever seen any lumber sawed. It was built about fifteen years ago and was run regularly up to three years ago."

Success of a Pamlico Boy.

Many of our New Berne people will remember young James M. Lane, son of Capt. J. S. Lane, of Stonewall, familiarly known to his friends as "Mack Lane, who spent a couple of years in New Berne clerking for Messrs. Roberts Bros. and afterwards for Mr. A. M. Baker. He left here about six years ago and moved to Orlando, Florida, where he studied law. The Orlando Record has just issued a supplement giving pictures and sketches of the life of "Well known men of Orlando." Fourth on the list it puts Mr. Lane and tells of his career in that city thus

"Mr. Lane took hold of any work that came to hand, with a determination to succeed. He "kept bach" and did his own cooking and washing a portion of the time during his first year in Florida. He also followed the following occupations while preparing himself to enter the study of law: worked orange groves, at the carpenter's bench, at the painter's trade, run a barber shop and served seven months as night watchman at Foster's livery stable in this city. He commenced reading law on January 20, 1887, under J. Hugh Murphy, Esq., and was admitted to the bar of Orange county May 22, 1888. He was elected justice of the peace the same year, which position he now ably fills. Mr. Lane is also a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, being Worshipful Master of Orlando lodge, No. 69, F. & A. M., also Grand Standard Bearer of the grand lodge of Florida.

School and College Commencements.

We acknowledge the receipt of invitations to attend the commencement exercises of the following high schools and colleges:

Kernersville High School, May 26th and 27th. Literary address by Hon. Clement Manly.

Greensboro Female College, May 26 to 28. Baccalaureat sermon by Rev. W. W. Bays, D.D.; literry address by Hon. R. B. Vance.

Pollocksville High School, May 27 and 28. Literary address by Prof. G. T. Adams, Principal of New Berne Collegiate Institute.

Davis School, Winston, May 28th. Annual address by Hon. F. M. Simmons.

Salem Female Academy, May 29 to June 3. Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Dr. Morrison, of Atlanta, Ga. Address by Rev. William H. Rice, of New York city.

Kinsey Female Seminary, La Grange, June 2d and 3d. Annual address by W. H. McDiarmid, of Lumberton.

Fishburne Military School, Va., June 3d. Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. H. M. White, D.D.

University of North Carolina, June 3d and 4th. Annual address by Col. John M Holloway.

Littleton Female College, June 3d and 4th. Annual sermon by Rev. F. D. Swindell; Literary address by Rev. W. S. Rone.

James High School, Grifton, Pitt county, June 4th and 5th. Commencement address by ex Governor Thomas J. Jarvis.

Davidson College, June 10th and 11th. Annual oration by Hon. J. S. Verner.

Wake Forest College, June 8—11. Alumni address by Rev. H. A. Brown; Address to Societies by Hon. C. M. Busbee; Baccalaurate sermon by John H. Broaddus, D.D., Ky.

Trinity College, June 11. Baccalaurate sermon by Rev. C. C. Woods, D.D., of Missouri; Literary address by Willis B. Dowd, Esq.

New Berne Collegiate Institute, June 11th and 12th. Annual sermon Thursday evening, June 11th at Centenary Methodist church, by Rev. J. W. Carter, D.D., pastor first Baptist church, Raleigh. Literary address Friday evening, June 12th, at opera house, by Prof. George T. Winston, University of North Carolina.

Fife at Spartanburg

A correspondent writes thus to the Charlotte Chronicle in regard to the successful meetings conducted by Mr. Fife at Spartanburg:

Evangelist Fife received the coolest reception here that he has anywhere, that is, the people seemed to be so indifferent to the work, but thanks to God, the barriers are broken down, and the town is being taken for Christ. Yesterday afternoon at a men's meeting, which was very largely attended, there was at least fifty professions of faith in Christ, and half as many pledged themselves to God, that they would erect family altars, and pray daily with their families. Last night, on account of rain, the meeting was moved to the Methodist church and was filled to its utmost capacity. It was one of the best meetings we have ever witnessed, there being a very large number came forward making the prayers of God's people, that they might be saved before the close of these meetings.

At the service yesterday the Evangelist declared his intention of closing last night, his engagement ending at that time, but at the close of the men's service, there was a resolution offered to the congregation asking them if they so desired that Bro. Fife should continue the meeting till Tuesday night and the business men would close their places of business at 10 30 a. m., and at 7.30 p. m., would make it known by rising to their feet, and the vote was unanimous in favor of the resolution.

Cotton Going up.

MANCHESTER, May 27.—The Guardian in its commercial article says: "Business is inanimate and is not sufficient to test prices. Unfavorable advices regarding the American cotton crop and the depredations of the locusts in Egypt have hardened the prices of Egyptian cotton. The inquiry for bundled yarn for export to China and Japan is poor. The inquiry for cloth is also poor.

All Struck Deaf by lightning.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 26.—A terrible storm visited this section last evening. Lightning struck Sam Witherspoon's house, two miles south of here. The lightning ran down the chimney, tore the earrings out of Mr. Witherspoon's daughter's ears, and shocked the family so that none of them have been able to hear since.

MERIT WINS.

We desire to say to our citizens that for years we have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Dr. King's New Life Pills, Bucklen's Arnica Salve and Electric Bitters, and have never handled remedies that sell as well, or that have given such universal satisfaction. We do not hesitate to guarantee them every time, and we stand ready to refund the purchase price if satisfactory results do not follow their use. These remedies have won their great popularity purely on their merits. For sale in Newbern by F. S. Duffy, wholesale and retail druggist.

STATE EXPOSITION AND WORLD'S FAIR.

County Exhibits—Shall Craven Have One? The Governor's Proclamation.

It is strongly desired by the broad-minded leaders in the development of the State that the North Carolina exhibit at the Inter-State Exposition in Raleigh and at the World's Fair in Chicago be complete and, that every part of the State be properly represented so that the fullest advantages may be derived from both exhibitions.

Looking to the accomplishment of that desire, the Industrial Convention lately held in Raleigh, composed of able delegates from every quarter of the "good old North State" unanimously passed a set of resolutions seeking co-operation from the different counties, as such, through the instrumentality of the county commissioners and justices of the peace. They are requested to make an appropriation for a county exhibit when they meet in joint session to levy taxes for the ensuing year. These officials of Craven county meet at the court house tomorrow at 12 o'clock for that purpose and we commend this matter to their favorable consideration. Counties that make exhibits at the Inter State Exposition will have those exhibits transferred and exhibited to the World's Fair at Chicago without additional cost. It is an opportunity for bringing our resources into notice that ought to be taken full advantage of.

In accord with the resolutions passed at the State Industrial Convention, our Chief Executive has issued the following.

Whereas, the Southern Inter-State Immigration Bureau has decided to hold, in the city of Raleigh, N. C., during the months of October and November A. D. 1891, an Exposition of Southern products; and

Whereas, the General Assembly of North Carolina has made appropriation for the purpose of displaying the products of the State at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893

And in accordance with the request of the progressive North Carolinians in convention assembled in the city of Raleigh, N. C., May 13th and 14th, 1891,

I, Thomas M. Holt, Governor of North Carolina, proclaim to the people of this State the necessity of fully co-operating with the Southern Inter-State Immigration Bureau, and the commissioners in charge of the Columbian exhibit for North Carolina. And I request progressive citizens in each county to meet the justices of the Peace and county commissioners at their respective county seats and urge the appropriation of such a sum of money as may be deemed necessary to have the resources of each county fully shown to capitalists, manufacturers and home-seekers that will visit the Southern Exposition in this city during October and November and at Chicago in 1893. The State appropriation is not sufficient to make such an exhibit as this State is capable of showing. Therefore, I most earnestly urge those county officers having the interest of the people in charge, and all wishing to see this grand State of ours properly exhibited to the world, to give this important matter their most earnest attention.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the State of North Carolina, at the city of Raleigh, this 23d day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, and in the one hundred and fifteenth year of our American Independence. THOMAS M. HOLT.

By the Governor:
S. F. TELFAIR, Private Sec'y.

The Methodist Picnic.—A day of Exquisite Enjoyment.

At an early hour Wednesday morning a cheerful concourse of about four hundred pupils, teachers and officers of Centenary Sunday School and invited guests assembled at the church and after brief religious exercises, they formed a long procession and enlivened by exhilirating strains of spirited music from Prof. A. W. Cook's finely trained and remarkably expert juvenile band marched to the steamers Trent and Kinston, waiting in readiness with flying colors, and in a few minutes were started on the day's excursion with radiant anticipations of a day of unalloyed pleasure and healthful recreation.

The sail up the river was exceedingly delightful; a pleasant breeze was blowing, the band was gaily playing, some groups were merrily singing others engaged in jovial conversation and all enjoying themselves hugely.

At Pollocksville they landed and proceeded to White's grove on the suburbs of the village the freedom of which had been kindly tendered by the owner. This is a large beautifully shaded grove entirely covered with a dense growth of closely mowed clover—as choice a spot for a picnic as could have been selected. An immense table, long enough to accommodate the entire assembled crowd was quickly prepared and loaded with a widely-varied and over-abounding supply of everything calculated to tempt the palate of the daintiest epicure.

When it was announced that dinner was ready it needed but a word to gather the multitude around the table with appetites sharpened by wholesome exercise. The ministers occupied places at the centre of table, Mr. J. K. Willis Superintendent of the school was at its head and the band of little musicians—the admiration of the day—at the other end. Perfect order prevailed. Not one small child or large offered to touch a morsel until the word was given and quiet reigned supreme while Rev. R. A. Willis devoutly rendered thanks and invoked the blessing and favor of Almighty God, after which full justice was done to the elegant repast and a second table was set for a few who in the quest of other joys had wandered away and were not on the grounds at the dinner hour.

Two barrels of delicious lemonade were made and drank before dinner and nearly the same quanity after dinner, and both lemonade and food were abundantly dispensed on the return trip.

The handsome campus made a splendid play-ground, youthful sports were engaged in not only by the little ones but by the young ladies and gents with the zest of early childhood.

All who attended are high in praise of the picnic and pronounce it one of the best and most delightful in which they ever participated.

The Bayboro Barrel Factory.

There is now on exhibition at Mr. J. T. Hall's gun shop a substantial flour barrel made by the Bayboro Barrel Manufacturing Company and also some of the staves just as they come from the machine. The company owns one head machine that can make heads enough per day for 5,000 barrels. The machine that makes the staves can turn out enough in one day for 10,000 barrels. Coopers to put the barrels together is all that is needed, and the orders for the barrels for potatoes and other purposes are coming in so rapidly that the company is now seeking to add more of these to its force in order to keep up with the demand. People should encourage such home institutions by their patronage when it is in their power to do so.

The New Assessment

A communication in this issue from "J. P." indicates that he has laboured the idea that the commissioners are contemplating a higher assessment on the property of the county. We do not know what led him to form this opinion. So far as we know there is no one who advocates a higher assessment as a distinctive end to be sought for, but there is a disposition on the part of some and especially of the valuators of taxable property to see if whether that rule or the law is the present total valuation. If the taxes are collected on such a valuation the burden of supporting the government will be properly divided by the citizens of our citizens.

We are [illegible] believe that the commissioners [illegible] "J. P." in his position [illegible] is worth what it will bring for [illegible] no more" and that is the standard that ought to be placed upon it, whether it lowers or increases the total valuation of taxable property. But the indications are that when this rule is applied to all property it will be found that the total [illegible] increased [illegible] such property [illegible] would bring more than [illegible] and when taken in hand [illegible] the assessed valuation promptly increased [illegible] items that may be mentioned [illegible] hand a piece of property [illegible] that is assessed higher than it [illegible] sold for for cash and when [illegible] to be the case it is equally [illegible] the case first cited that the [illegible] sessed [illegible] land the [illegible] tion should be lower [illegible] the other should be [illegible] In conclusion [illegible] tion plan [illegible] needed and [illegible] been appointed [illegible] as assessors who will do their work [illegible] fully impartially and [illegible] to secure this end and [illegible] the real value of property [illegible] crease it but the assessed valuation [illegible] be increased from 25 to 50 per cent.

Craven county's finances are [illegible] and have not been for a long time in a flourishing condition. There is not enough money raised to meet the necessary expenses of the county, and county scrip sells below par. Still we are no advocate of increasing the percentage of taxation; in fact we think it ought to be decreased, and with taxes levied and collected on a true valuation we believe the percentage can be materially lowered and yet more money be raised, for we have fertile fields, well timbered forests, and fine city property, all of which is valuable and becoming more so.

The county is highly favored by having a splendid business-like board of county commissioners, whose members have the welfare of the common wealth at heart, and by their wisely directed efforts in connection with the work of the assessors, we have strong hopes of a solution of the problem—property placed at its true value; all citizens paying their just proportion of taxes and the county placed financially on a solid basis without any hardships being imposed upon its citizens.

We hope that every member of the board of assessors will rise up upon himself to diligently seek from owners of property, their neighbors, and from any other source available, correct information as to the actual value of each piece of property in his township, and that each one will do this as vigilantly as though the whole work devolved upon him, and having obtained such information, conscientiously and courageously insist upon the right valuation being placed upon it.

The Thomasville Orphanage.

Mr. J. H. Mills, superintendent of the Thomasville Orphanage, informs us that that institution is getting on nicely and doing efficiently the work for which it was designed. It now has 130 pupils. They are divided into families of 24, and each family has a teacher and a matron in charge, and there are also two separate buildings for each family—one for dwelling and one for dining—all the buildings of the Orphanage are only one story, but are good and substantial. The Orphanage has over 200 acres of land, about 50 acres of it cleared and in cultivation. They have good field crops and good gardens; keep cows and poultry, much of their work is done by the scholars, which helps considerably in supporting them. The Orphanage is owned and controlled by Baptists but denominational lines are not drawn in admitting inmates. Mr. Mills will be in New Berne and Morehead shortly in behalf of the Orphanage, about two weeks from the present time.

P. H. S. Commencement.

The commencement exercises of Pollocksville High School were held last week and they proved highly gratifying to the parents of the pupils and other friends of the school.

Wednesday night an entertainment was given consisting principally of declamations and dialogues and Thursday night there was a musical entertainment with recitations interspersed. A number of the selections of the previous night were so well rendered and so pleasing to the audience that they called for them again.

Both entertainments were excellent and all filled their respective parts well; we have heard quite complimentary remarks paid to Misses John Greer and Thos. Simmons, and Master Bettie Pearce, Fossie Hudson, Basil White and little Annie Shepard, daughter of J. W. Shepard.

Thursday at 11 a. m., Dr. D. W. Ward delivered the annual address and State Senator T. E. Guion and Representative E. L. Franks addressed county also made remarks appropriate to the occasion.

Mr. E. M Koonce the [illegible] the school though still a young [illegible] has had 12 years experience [illegible] He possesses the confidence [illegible] ple and has established an [illegible] school—during the year there were [illegible] pupils enrolled. Miss Annie Mills, daughter of J. W. Mills, of Richlands, one of the smartest young ladies of the county is music teacher and also ably assists in other departments of the school.

Trenton High School.

Commencement exercises Monday and Tuesday, 8th and 9th inst. Recitations and speaking by the junior classes on Monday night. Recitations and speaking by the senior classes Tuesday morning at 11 a.m. Address by the Hon. B. F. Grady at 11 a.m. Dinner at 2 p.m. Concert at night, commencing at 8 p.m. A cordial invitation to all

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[illegible] Commencement Exercises Plenty of Visitors. Grand Concert.

[illegible]TON, N. C., May 30, 1891.

[illegible]—This is a gala time in [illegible] commencement time [illegible] Academy, an institution [illegible] covers the century [illegible] alumni figures up to ten [illegible]

[illegible] revious to the opening [illegible] long train of street cars [illegible] crowded on the electric line [illegible] and Salem and as the [illegible] commodious church [illegible] even expectation [illegible]

[illegible] attendance of pupils [illegible] three hundred and [illegible] having gone to their [illegible] the number now [illegible] runs up about [illegible] all of whom in [illegible] in the varied [illegible] presenting some [illegible] appearance of a gigantic bouquet.

[illegible] commencement exercises will [illegible] days and from all indications [illegible] year will out-strip all [illegible] previous extending back to [illegible] of the present century. [illegible] preparations have been made [illegible] department under the [illegible] George Markyraffe, [illegible] thoroughly equipped in the [illegible] of Germany, and the [illegible] to be given on Wednesday [illegible] the large vocal class, accompanied by the large orchestra and [illegible] combined, is looked [illegible] the important musical [illegible] State. W. P. O.

Craven's Assessment Improper.

[illegible]—No person has a [illegible] for our present worthy [illegible] county commissioners [illegible] but it seems to me, [illegible] commendation of a higher [illegible] the property of this [illegible] proper at this time. [illegible] a novelty (for Craven [illegible] Democratic sheriff, [illegible] *all the taxes* that are [illegible] and not permit a lot of [illegible] are not worth the paper [illegible] written upon to be packed off [illegible] in settlement for taxes. [illegible] worth what it will bring for [illegible] a higher assessment, [illegible] more valuable. Make [illegible] pay their taxes, that is what [illegible] expects from its officers.

Very Respectfully, J. P.

Fort Barnwell Items.

The incessant rain of last week has somewhat damaged the cotton crop of this county.

The Alliance held their regular meeting here last Saturday.

The firm of Turner & Sadler, the only firm in this town, have disolved copartnership, whether by mutual consent or otherwise the writer is not able to say.

Some of the farmers are through chopping cotton. I suspect they will have the pleasure of planting and chopping again if the weather continues to be as cool as it has been for a few days.

Pamlico Items.

The farmers of Pamlico are hard at work to make another good crop as they did in 1890.

[illegible] Pamlico expects to ship 20,000 barrels of potatoes this season.

The Farmers Alliance has thirteen [illegible] this county, all working harmoniously.

[illegible] Will Baptists met on the 2d and 3d of May at Bayboro and had a large attendance.

Were Assure off Bodie Island.

[illegible], Va., May 26.—The steamer [illegible] of the Cromwell line, which sailed from New York on Saturday, for New Orleans with 96 passengers and a cargo of general merchandise, went ashore [illegible] south of Body Island at [illegible] yesterday morning, during a dense fog the captain having lost his reckoning. The vessel was lying in an easy position and the Captain was confident [illegible] could be got off. Several of the passengers were badly frightened, and they were taken off by the life saving crew. The night following the captain boarded the vessel. At 11 o'clock last night the vessel floated and proceeded on her passage to New Orleans. The passengers taken off will be forwarded to their destination by rail. It is believed that the damage to the steamer, if any, is slight.

The Railroad Commission.

The Railroad Commission yesterday, as the result of a conference, decided positively to enforce the order which they have issued making a uniform rate of twenty five cents for messages of ten words, sent and received in this State. This decision of the commission is final, and it was ordered that the order take effect June 15. It is thought that an appeal will be taken on the part of the telegraph companies.

The commission also agreed yesterday upon a joint schedule of freight rates for all the railroads in the State. This schedule was finally adopted after mature deliberation and consideration of the reasons which were made by the railroads, and will, it is thought, be mutually acceptable to the railroads. Raleigh News and Observer.

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The W. O. & E. C. Railroad.

We understand that grading is to begin in a few days on the Wilmington, Onslow and East Carolina Railroad between Jacksonville and New Berne. The work will begin at Jacksonville.

Mr. A. P. Yopp, master mechanic of the Wilmington, Onslow and East Carolina Railroad, left last night for Richmond to bring out a new and handsome locomotive for this road.—Messenger.

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