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TAX TALK.

The Agitation on Railway Assessments Has Stirred Things Up.

Probably No Result From Mandamus Action First Bale Campaign. Internal Improvement Report Telephone Case. The Text Books.

RALEIGH, Sept. 4.—The talk among railway people and public officials today was largely about the attempt to have the railway property in the State assessed this year, when, as well-known it was agreed by the legislature and all concerned that there should be no assessment until two years hence. It was Associate Justice Clark who in a speech before the State Bar Association made the statement that the value of the railway property in the State was \$150,000,000.

The papers in the application for the mandamus to compel the Corporation Commission were today served upon Commissioners Abbott and Rogers. Yesterday they were served on Chairman McNeill. The latter late last night replied to Sheriff Jackson of Washington county, who made the complaint, that he does not understand that Section 50 of the Machinery Act requires or contemplates a separate assessment of the tangible and intangible property of railways this year. There is no date mentioned in that section when the assessment shall be made; the commission must therefore refer to other sections of the law to ascertain the date, and Section 48 fixes the date at "such dates as real estate is required to be assessed for taxation." The tangible and intangible property of railways will be assessed separately in 1903, that being the date at which real property is assessed, and the assessment thus made will stand until the next date at which real property will be assessed, except in so far as it will be modified by the annual assessment of rolling stock of railway companies. The odds are the mandamus proceeding will amount to nothing at all.

The State charter the De Soto Lumber Company, of Asheboro, capital \$100,000, Emory R. Lassiter and others stockholders. It is given the right to construct railways but under the law cannot operate these.

The cotton receipts in this market for the season ended August 31, were 19,553 bales, against 18,803 the previous season. The first bale was not received until last Monday, while in 1900 the first was received August 20.

The report of the board of Internal Improvements on the Atlantic and North Carolina railway is not yet ready. The directors do not meet until the last week in September.

The penitentiary report will not be ready until about the end of this month. Directors Nathan O'Berry and J. A. Brown are in charge of the report.

The penitentiary has contracted to furnish 200 convicts in October to the "Three C's" railway. The latter wanted to obtain 600—in fact all it could get.

In Johnston county court today, R. H. Battle, T. B. Womack and W. N. Jones made a motion for the removal of the case of the American Electric Telephone Company against the Raleigh Telephone Company from Johnston to Wake county. The American Company put in the equipment for the Raleigh company and the latter claims it is not up to contract specifications. The American company at first applied for a receiver, but this was denied.

A 22 year old white man named Grayburn, was today brought to the penitentiary, for attempted outrage of a 10 year old child, to serve a ten year sentence. He is half-witted and it is said an appeal will be made for a shortening of sentence.

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DOVER.

Aldermen Discuss Improvements High School Opening A Fine Institution

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Mr. G. K. West has commenced preparations to erect several tenant houses on his farm near here.

The town Aldermen met in regular session last night and attended to the affairs of the town. The matter of building a city hall and guard house was discussed right freely and a committee was appointed to secure a location.

Rev. C. O. Durant failed to get here Sunday owing to sickness in his family. Dover High School will open on Monday September 10th. Prof. Foust, county Superintendent, will deliver an address at the opening and desires that the patrons, not only of this school but all the surrounding schools be present. We are expecting a large opening. Mr. C. H. McCausland of High Point, and Miss Lena Taylor of Whitakers who will conduct the school the coming session will arrive next week. Anyone desiring to educate their children at a minimum cost will do well to investigate the merits of this school. Any information or particulars will gladly be furnished by Prof. C. H. McCausland or G. V. Richardson, Dover, N. C. Special courses in bookkeeping and stenography. Boys and girls prepared for college.

Mr. Lon Taylor of Trenton was in town yesterday.

Several of our citizens took in Gov. Aycock's educational address at Beaufort yesterday.

The latest arrival in town is stopping at Mr. D. C. Rhen's. Her name, Kathleen, is not quite familiar with mountaineers.

Mr. L. S. Harper, Deputy Sheriff, is in town today collecting taxes.

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