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WORKS BEST KNOWN BY PUBLICITY.

The statement has often been made by persons who ought to be in a position to know as to the truth of the statement, that the municipal ownership of water, lights and sewerage is a profitable one for this city.

In other words that when New Bern went into possession of its own water and sewerage system through the purchase of these properties from a private corporation, and issued bonds for the erection of its own electric light system, both investments were of value to the tax payers from a pecuniary point of view.

This is an unofficial statement, as to the profit arising from the city ownership of these public utilities.

What the tax payers want to know, and are entitled to have shown them is the public figures showing that the statement is true.

But the mere fact that such an official statement is given out is not sufficient in itself to demand an official public statement.

Whether municipal ownership of these properties is profitable or unprofitable, does not make any difference as regards the publicity of their administration, that is as to the management and conduct of the water, sewerage and light, and the detailed statement showing where profit or loss occurred.

The first year of municipal ownership of the water and sewerage, a statement was given the taxpayers, but since then, over one year, there has nothing been made public, with an official detailed statement, to show what is actually doing in these systems, whether they are paying or not, and what progress has been made in extending these properties, and in their development.

A public official is not an owner of the property over which he has been placed in charge by the vote of citizens. In a sense he is an employe, certainly it is demanded that he give frequent and accurate accounts of his stewardship.

It is not that the taxpayer is curious, but that he is entitled to consideration, which means being kept thoroughly informed of the progress and conduct of those public affairs which he pays to sustain.

And the city official who renders the open account of the conduct of his office will best prove his works through the publicity of what he is doing.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Every newspaper reader has his or her special department, which is first sought when the paper comes out.

And as the department sought is pretty certain to contain news which the reader seeks, anything which interrupts, which causes the special department to be found wanting, makes a serious break in the reader's interest in the paper.

As an instance of this the Washington Post's Editorial paragraph Merrick died last Saturday night, and Sunday's Post is without its customary paragraphs, which have been for years the daily product of the brain of the brilliant and ingenious Merrick, giving to thousands of readers each day an instructive and pleasurable reading.

For many Post readers, these paragraphs possessed special interest, an interest which made them the first article read.

And now that the writer is gone there is found the vacant place, which speaks most eloquently of the departed Merrick, and no greater monument will bear testimony of his value and the esteem in which his work was held, than the daily absence of the paragraphs which he once gave to the Post's readers.

The "reminders of other days" in Sunday's JOURNAL, extracts from North Carolina papers on the recent primary

disturbance in this city, are not enjoyable reading to any one who has the self-respect of his city at heart.

It is something which ought never to occur again, yet it is a matter which can not but excite the righteous criticism of every thinking person.

There has been enough trouble at the ballot box here and elsewhere in the past and the future should be free from further such affairs. It is unpleasant but justifiable comments that were made.

TAX LISTING AND TAX PAYING.

The notice that the State Tax Commissioners have begun their tour, to instruct the County assessors and those having in charge the collection of taxes, means or should mean, the establishment of an equalized tax assessment system throughout North Carolina.

Tax listing is too often the false swearing to property values, the specifying what tax the owner wants to pay, rather than the listing of property at its true commercial value.

Hardly a community is free from this kind of false tax listing, and the aggregate in this State is immense, when it comes to the deficit of what actually ought to be paid in taxes, but which escapes because of false listing.

The failure to list property justly, results in the man of moderate means having to bear an unfair proportionate part of the community's tax burden, because in listing, the small estate will come in for nearer its commercial value, than will the larger estates and property holdings.

Under the present plan of action of the Tax Commissioners, there does not seem to be any special need of admonishing them.

There is of course the customary demand in some quarters, to see that the railroads and corporations do not escape paying their taxes.

If there is anything of value in the present system, there will be no escape from an equitable tax listing, beginning with the man of moderate means to the most wealthy railroad company and corporation.

The State need, as well as the county, town and city need, is to have every assessment made upon the just commercial value of the property to be assessed, this commercial value to be determined by an intelligent and unprejudiced examination of the property assessed.

In tax assessing the question of property ownership should have nothing to do in the matter, that is all property should be regarded in its commercial relationship, not considered as to whether it belongs to a poor or rich man, the merchant of moderate means, or the railroad corporation that pays fifteen or fifty per cent dividends, annually.

An equitable basis of tax listing, and this can be made by the assessors, will mean not merely justice to all, but a greatly increased sum of money for the State treasury.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle Sold by all Druggists.

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The First Requisite. Accum—Have you got a job yet? Layzee—No. I'm still waiting for something to turn up.

Accum—What you need to turn up are your sleeves.—Catholic Standard and Times.

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They always effect a cure and save doctor bills. Little Early Risers are different from all other pills. They do not weaken the system, but set as a tonic to the tissues by arousing the secretions and restoring the liver to the full performance of its functions naturally. For sale by F. S. Duffy.

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Pitt as a Spendthrift. How did Pitt spend his income and get into debt? During the greater part of his life, after he had come to man's estate, he was in office, and his income was about £10,000 per annum.

He did not entertain, he did not gamble, he neither hunted nor shot, and yet at the end of seventeen years of this income of £10,000 per annum he was hopelessly in debt. That he was careless is very possible. Still, considering that his income was equal to £20,000 per annum now, how in the name of wonder did he spend it?

This is all the more mysterious as he appears never to have paid his tradesmen. I have often seen it stated that England ought to be proud of one of her greatest statesmen having died poor. Neither Pitt nor England had reason to be proud of a statesman, enjoying an ample official income, dying heavily in debt and making the payment of his tradesmen's bills dependent on parliament voting a sum to meet the liability.—London Truth.

Makes a Clean Sweep.

There's nothing like doing a thing thoroughly. Of all the Salves you ever heard of, Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the best. It sweeps away and cures Burns, Sores, Bruises, Cuts, Bolls, Ulcers, Skin Eruptions and Piles. It's only 25c, and guaranteed to give satisfaction by C. D. Bradham, Druggist.

Algonquin Verbal Heirlooms.

There are 131 words of Algonquin derivation in the English language. The Algonquins occupied a considerable section of this country before they were asked to move on, and some of the verbal heirlooms they left us are: Chipmunk, hickory, hominy, menhaden, moose, muskump, musquash, pemican, persimmon, popoose, pone, porgy, possum, powwow, racoon, samp, skunk, squash, squaw, succotash, Tammany, tautog, terrapin, toboggan, tomahawk, totem, wigwam and woodchuck.

A Great Sensation.

There was a big sensation in Lee-ville, Ind. when W. H. Brown of that place, who was expected to die, had his life saved by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. He writes: "I endured insufferable agonies from Asthma but your New Discovery gave me immediate relief and soon thereafter effected a complete cure. Similar cures of Consumption, Pneumonia, Bronchitis and Grip are numerous. It's the peerless remedy for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c, and \$1.00. Guaranteed by C. D. Bradham, Druggist. Trial bottles free.

Labor Saving Soup.

"Soup too hot? Well, it's this way," said the waiter at the table d'hote restaurant as he grew confidential. "The chef found that he was running shy, and, as he didn't want to make any more, he threw in a lot of pepper so the guests would be satisfied with smaller portions. You see, if he hadn't, the hungry man who comes in late would be complaining about the smallness of the portion served to him. A man will be satisfied with a few spoonfuls of consommé when it's as hot as tobacco sauce."

There are tricks even in the chef's trade.—New York Press.

Orlando, Fla., Oct. 2, 1901.

The Hancock Liquid Sulphur, Co., Baltimore, Md. Gentlemen—I take pleasure in recommending Hancock's Liquid Sulphur to any one suffering with Eczema. I have had it for ten or fifteen years, have tried many remedies and found no relief until I was induced to try your "H. L. S." Have only used it a short while and am now almost entirely cured. I can truthfully say that after fifty years as practicing physician that your Liquid Sulphur is the most wonderful remedy for Eczema I have ever known.

Yours respectfully, DR. W. W. LEAKE. For sale at F. S. Duffy's.

First Census Ways.

The original schedules of the first census are now contained in twenty-five bound volumes, preserved in the interior department. For the most part the headings of the schedules were written in by hand. Indeed, up to and including 1820 the assistant marshals generally used such paper as they happened to have, ruling it, writing in the headings and binding the sheets together themselves. In some cases merchants' account paper was used, and now and then the schedules were bound inside of a newspaper.—W. R. Merriam in Century.

Due Notice is Served.

Due notice is hereby served on the public generally that DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is the only salve on the market that is made from the pure, unadulterated witch hazel. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve has cured thousands of cases of piles that would not yield to any other treatment, and this fact has brought out many worthless counterfeits. Those persons who get the genuine DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve are never disappointed, because it cures. For sale by F. S. Duffy.

AS TO TAXES

State Tax Commission Begins Its Instructions.

North Carolina Confederate Roster. Situation of State Convicts. Reorganization of Farmers Alliances. Revenue and Machinery Acts Going Out.

RALPH, April 21.—Information is being rapidly received by State Auditor Dixon regarding the roster of North Carolina Confederate soldiers which he is to prepare for publication by the U. S. war department. He is greatly pleased at the quickness of the response to his call for information.

It is found that there are now 150 convicts in the penitentiary proper; 100 at the quarry at Hillsboro; 50 at Fuquay Springs, building the Raleigh & Cape Fear railway; 50 at Winston, building county roads; 50 at Dover, building a lumber road and doing other work in lumbering; 100 at Spruce Pine, building a railway through Mitchell county to a point not far from Marion, and 200 at the State farm on the Roanoke river, in Halifax county. In all there are 789 State convicts. There are many demands for them, for contract work.

The brick machine at the penitentiary is now ready for operation, and will turn out 40,000 a day.

Nearly all the new county pension bonds have been made up. The State Auditor, to whom the lists are being sent in, will give them to the public early in May.

It is learned from editor Poe of the Progressive Farmer that Franklin, Granville and some other counties have reorganized their Farmers' Alliances and now have among the strongest organizations of that order in the State. He does not know what the strength of the order is in North Carolina.

Today the State tax commissioners began their tour of the entire State, to confer with and instruct the county officials who have anything to do with the assessment and collection of taxes. Chairman McNeill went to Wayne, Mr. Rogers to Johnston and Mr. Beddingfield to Chatham.

One convict was brought to the penitentiary today from Franklin, for cow stealing and one from Wayne to serve 9 years for house breaking.

A charter is granted the Camden Ferry Co., of Elizabeth City, with power to operate toll ferries, bridges and roads, with \$45,000 authorized capital. C. H. Robinson being the principal stockholder. A charter is also granted the Gray, Galloway and Barber insurance agency company, of Winston, with \$25,000 capital.

Secretary of State Grimes is sending out the revenue and machinery act to the various registers of deeds.

The corporation commission will on the 2nd of May have a hearing on the matter of the Union passenger station for Durham. The citizens committee had asked for an extension of time, in order to see if it and the railways could not agree as to the station, but it appears that no agreement is reached.

The Supreme Court called the docket of 13th district appeals today. There are now 108 inmates of the Soldiers' Home here, 14 being away on furlough.

Cures Blood Poison, Cancer, Ulcers, Eczema, Carbuncles, Etc. Medicine Free.

Robert Ward, Masey's, Ga. Says: "I suffered from blood poison, my head, face and shoulders were one mass of corruption, aches in bones and joints, burning, itching, scabby skin, was all run down and discouraged, but Botanic Blood Balm cured me perfectly, healed all the sores and gave my skin the rich glow of health. Blood Balm put new life into my blood and new ambition into my brain." Geo. A. Williams, Roxbury, face covered with pimples, chronic sore on back of head, suppurating swelling on neck, eating ulcer on leg, bone pains, itching skin cured perfectly by Botanic Blood Balm—sores all healed. Botanic Blood Balm cures all malignant blood troubles, such as eczema, sores and scabs, pimples, running sores, carbuncles, scrofula, etc. Especially advised for all obstinate cases that have reached the second or third stage. Improves the digestion; strengthens weak kidneys. Druggist, \$1. To prove it cures, sample of Blood Balm sent free and prepared by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and free medical advice sent in sealed letter. For sale in New Bern by F. S. Duffy and C. D. Bradham.

A Business Man. Erected Neighbor—What do you let that boy of yours build a bonfire in my back yard for?

Placed Neighbor—Isn't your yard insured?

E. N.—No, it isn't.

F. N.—That's all right. I'm an insurance agent. Here's my card.

Use Hancock's Liquid Sulphur, for Eczema, Pimples, Ringworm, Dandruff and all skin diseases. For sale at F. S. Duffy's.

The Parent.

Idealist—True happiness is found in pursuing something not catching it.

Ordinary Man—The man who pursues the last or at night knows better.

Some people think that when they ask forgiveness for a wrong it gives them a license to do the same thing over again.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Talk a bath in Hancock's Liquid Sulphur. They are superior to those of the most celebrated Sulphur Springs, having the additional advantage of being made up of purest ingredients. They will cure Prickly heat, Eczema, and all skin diseases. For sale by F. S. Duffy.

Supreme Court Opinions.

Special to Journal.

RALPH, April 21.—The Supreme Court filed the following opinions today:

Bell vs. Crouch, from Wilkes, affirmed.

Mitchell vs. Mitchell, from Surry, affirmed.

Robison vs. Hamby, from Wilkes, no error.

Patterson vs. Freeman, from Surry, new trial.

State vs. Mitchell, from Rockingham, judgment arrested.

Murphy vs. Murphy, from Rowan, affirmed.

State vs. Austin, from Randolph, new trial.

State vs. Ninestine, from Rowan, reversed.

Smith vs. Brown, from Guilford, new trial.

Kelly vs. Kraslow Co., from Durham, affirmed.

Johnson vs. Andrews, from Durham, error.

Lewis vs. Railroad, from Forses, affirmed.

Davidson vs. Gregory, from Granville, affirmed.

Coble vs. Huffine, from Gafford, new trial.

Willeford vs. Bailey, from Union, affirmed.

Barriger vs. Trust Co., from Chatham no error.

State vs. Jones, from Wake, no error.

Railroad vs. Stroud, from Lenoir, no error.

Bardea vs. Stickney, from Washington, petition to rehear dismissed.

Love vs. Harris, from Wilkes, per curiam, affirmed.

Johnson vs. Slate, from Stokes, per curiam, affirmed.

Vickers vs. Vickers, from Wilkes, per curiam, affirmed.

Good Advice.

The most miserable beings in the world are those suffering from Dyspepsia and Liver complaint. More than seventy-five per cent of the people in the United States are afflicted with these two diseases and their effects, such as Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Constipation, Flatulence of the Heart, Heart-burn, Waterbrack, Gnaving and Burning Pains at the Pit of the Stomach, Yellow Skin, Costed Tongue and Disagreeable Taste in the Mouth, Coming up of Food after Eating, Low Spirits, etc. Go to your Druggist and get a bottle of August Flower for 25 or 75 cts. Two doses will relieve you. Try it. All Druggists.

Glaring Misquoting.

Uncle Absealom Asby was much given to retelling old and hackneyed jokes. An acquaintance of his, thinking to cure him of his practice, one day gave him a copy of "Joe Miller's Jest Book," with the remark that he "might find something new in it."

The next time he met the old gentleman he asked him, "Well, uncle, what do you think of that book I gave you the other day?"

"I don't know what that 'ere Joe Miller is," indignantly responded Uncle Absealom, "but I do know he's a thief. He's got hold of a lot of my best stories and printed 'em, consarn him!"

A Sweet Break.

Is a never failing sign of a healthy stomach. When the breath is bad the stomach is out of order. There is no remedy in the world equal to Kodol Dyspepsia Cure for curing indigestion, dyspepsia and all stomach disorders. Mrs. Mary E. Orick, of White Plains, Ky., writes: "I have been a dyspeptic for years—tried all kinds of remedies but continued to grow worse. By the use of Kodol I began to improve at once, and after taking a few bottles am fully restored in weight, health and strength and can eat whatever I like. Kodol digests what you eat and makes the stomach sweet." For sale by F. S. Duffy.

Drive With the Best.

A golf beginner almost invariably either "loos" the ball or cuts a sled from his own mouth. Instead of trying to hit the ball with the middle of the club face, he aims at "heeling" it, that is, striking it with the heel of a club head, being a freak, possesses a face, a toe and a heel—he will generally make a better shot. A practiced golfer unconsciously makes the necessary allowance for the bending of the driving shaft, but had he known of "Kodol's" secret, why he so often "missed his ball," he would probably have made more rapid progress.—Frank Bradburn in Strand.

'Rabbed the Gravy.

A startling incident, is narrated by John Oliver of Philadelphia, as follows: "I was in an awful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Then I was induced to use Electric Balm on my feet for the first time. I made a double improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know that codol has the greatest medicinal value. It is guaranteed to try them. Only 25c each, guaranteed, at C. D. Bradham's drug store.

Supper-time Testimonial.

"Here, mother," said the mother at the back door, "I have a good little medicinal instrument. It is a combined arrow-drill, hot-water-cup, spoon, hatchet, lamp-cleaner, butter-knife, paper-cutter, shoe-lace puller, pen-knife. Can I sell you one?"

"Well, ma'am," returned the housekeeper, "what do I want with that? Can't you see that I want my supper?"—Christianity Observer.

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Clothing department is up-to-date. Prices below zero. Below we will give you prices that have never heard of before.

250 Mens Light Suits, made by Hamburg & Bros, worth \$16 & \$18, at \$9 75
275 Boys Knee Pants Suits, in all colors, worth \$3 to \$5, at \$2 50
200 Boys Custom made, in black and all colors, worth \$3 to \$5, at \$2 50
200 Boys Knee Pants Suits, in all colors, worth \$3 and \$4, at \$2 50
200 Boys Knee Pants Suits, in all colors, worth \$2 to \$3, at \$1 50
200 Boys Knee Pants Suits, in all colors, worth \$2 to \$3, at \$1 50

BOYS CLOTHING.
500 Boys Knee Pants Suits, in all colors, worth \$4 to \$6, for \$3 49
275 Boys Knee Pants Suits, in all colors, worth \$3 to \$5, for \$2 50
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DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT.
Ladies Dress Goods, all sorts and all colors, prices below zero. 10c and 12c Dimities all colors and styles, at 7c. 10c & 12c Percales in remnants at 5c. Bleaching of all qualities from 2c to 9c for the best made. (allows all colors and qualities at 4c. Domestic, all qualities from 2c to 4c for best made. Ladies and Childrens Blippers from 4c to \$1 25, worth double the money. 100 dozen Mens Shirts worth 75c and \$1 at 48c each. Hats at all prices Hamburg and Laces at Factory Prices this week.