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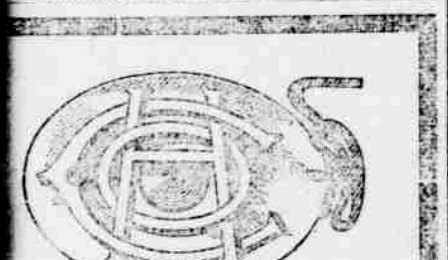
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AMENDMENT TO THE LAW REGARDING LISTING TAXES.

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THE STATE APPOINTS ONE

And With the Assistance of the
County Assessors Will Pass on
Property Value From May
1st to July 1st Each Year.

The machinery act passed by the legislature, which provides the machinery for levying taxes, is different from former acts in several particulars. In the first place, the time for which property on hand shall be listed is changed from June 1st to May 1st, and the date on which county commissioners shall meet to levy taxes is changed from June to August, so that all the property for assessment shall be in before the tax levy is made. Heretofore taxes were levied before the assessment was made.

The principal changes from the old law are in sections 15 to 25. It is provided that the state tax commission—which is the corporation commission—shall appoint one county tax assessor, a resident freeholder of the county, and the county commissioners shall appoint a tax assessor for each township, to be known as assistant tax assessor, who shall begin their work May 1st and continue until July 1st. Heretofore the commissioners appointed a tax-taker for each township and every fourth year, when real estate was to be assessed, two assessors were appointed for each township to assess the real estate. Under the new arrangement the tax assessor appointed for the county will visit each township and with the assistant assessor appointed for the township will make the assessment. The county assessor and the board of county commissioners constitute a board of equalization for the counties, their work being subject to review by the state tax commission.

The county assessors is to be appointed by Apr. 1 and he can devote his entire time for three months of each year to his duties at not more than \$4 a day. The assessing of property is to begin May 1 instead of June 1. The county assessor is to visit all the townships and confer with township assessors and instruct them in their duties and the work of the township assessors is to be done jointly by him and the county commissioners and the assessments revised. All assessments are to be made as near as may be to the true value in money. The county boards of equalization meet on the second Monday in July for the performance of their duties.

Section 42, with reference to bank taxation, is changed so as to allow banks "also to deduct accrued and unearned interest, unpaid taxes, an amount not exceeding five per cent of the bills receivable of said institution to cover any other bond or installment of debts, and also an amount equal to the true value of any share of stock owned in other North Carolina corporations upon which the tax is paid by the corporation issuing same." Mr. Doughton, chairman of the finance committee, explained that under present law the

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banks were paying more than their share of taxes, and the added exemptions was a recognition of this fact, and while the banks had asked for a great deal more concession than this gave them, he thought it was fair and just to adopt the section. Section 43, reports from corporations, permits corporations to deduct "the value of the shares of stock legally held by such corporation in other corporations incorporated in this state and paying taxes on its capital stock in this state," etc. An unsuccessful effort was made to change this section.

An amendment was offered to section 20, exempting the assessment on fertilizers on hand by a farmer who was going to use it on his coming crop. The time of which property on hand shall be listed having been changed from June 1st to May 1st, it was said this would include fertilizer that was usually in the ground by June 1st. This amendment had strong support but attention was called to the fact that the exemption would be unconstitutional. All amendments were voted down.—Nashville Graphic.

The Pouter.

A great many good people make themselves unhappy and other people, too, by pouting. They imagine they are dreadfully imposed upon all sorts of wrong motives. They have a grievance all the time and do not forget to tell it to every passerby. One of the mean things the pouter finds to put about is the infrequency with which the pastor visits them. They measure the merit of the pastor by the number of visits he makes them every year. No matter if these good people are in perfect health, and others about them sick and suffering, the pastor must drop everything and pay regular visits to them or they are mad about it and tell it to everybody they can corner. We do not believe it is the duty of the pastor to humor these whims and we do believe it is the duty of the church to put its disapproval on the silly exactions these sensitive souls demand. A lot of so-called pastoral visiting is a sweet delusion anyhow. No grown man with good sense will run his legs off to listen to the light gossip of ladies who have too much leisure for their own good. We admire the honest and industrious house-wife who said that with all her house duties claiming her attention she didn't have time to bother with the pastor during the week. Can the imagination conceive of the Apostle Paul sitting in a parlor and idling twenty or thirty minutes away for the sake of satisfying the vanity of a sister and thus keep her from talking about him? If there is any service the pastor can render of course he ought to go, and if he is what he ought to be will go, but we are not talking about that. We are referring to that other class of visitors that mean not a thing in the world but a few minutes of social chat which too often refers to persons rather than to things, and then to take his hat in his hand and bow himself out of the front door. We are very sorry for the preacher who has much of this kind of work to do, and the less of it he does the better for him and the person upon whom he calls.—Charity and Children.

Clerical Slips.

One of the best-known bishops has a fund of excellent clerical stories at his disposal, although it is seldom that any but his intimate friends are favored with them. Here are one or two:

A certain preacher, discoursing upon Bunyan and his work, caused a titter among his hearers by exclaiming:

"In these days, my brethren, we want more Bunyans."

Another clergyman, pleading earnestly with his parishioners for the construction of a cemetery for their parish, asked them to consider "the deplorable condition of thirty thousand Christian Englishmen living without Christian burial."

Still more curious was this clerical slip:
A gentleman asked the minister; "When do you expect to see Deacon S. again?"
"Never," said the reverend gentleman, solemnly; "the deacon is in heaven."—Ex.

WAS NEARLY A \$100,000.

State's Prison Recently Turns Over to
General Fund \$95,533.02.

The State's Prison has in two recent payments turned into the State treasury to the general fund nearly \$100,000. That is a fruit of capable management, a Democratic management.

The exact figures of the two deposits are \$95,533.02. Mr. T. W. Fenner, the chief clerk, having paid in on February 25th, the sum of \$30,991.90, and on yesterday \$64,541.12.

These amounts came from the sale of cotton and peanuts raised on the Halifax State's Prison farm. Of the crop there has been sold 900 bales of cotton at 14 cents a pound, about \$70 a bale, and the picking is not all completed. There are more sales of cotton and peanuts yet to be made.

Speaking of the productive lands of the section, and of the sale of the farm products, Mr. Fenner laughingly said: "All you have to do is just to tickle the lands on the Roanoke a little during the spring, and then go down in the fall and get all the money you want."—News and Observer.

Endorses Our Stand.

Enfield, N. C., March 16.—I want to say "amen" to your suggestion on Sabbath Observance. I consider this one of the growing, eating cancers of our social body of today. I have for about twenty years made a very close study of the habits and customs that tend to impair or even to destroy that which makes us safe, happy and prosperous as a nation, and as individuals. This is one of the danger signals beyond a doubt. I was in a drug store some time ago and saw a prominent man in Halifax county sell a package of cigarettes, and in this store they were selling soft drinks just like on any other day. A few Sundays past I was again sent to another drug store, in same town (Enfield) and saw another church member sell a plug of tobacco. How can these things be justified? Before the moral law I believe it would be more excusable to allow a grocery or dry goods store to dispense the necessities than to allow these drug stores and drink stands to sell the luxuries. Don't you? And if these conscientious or mistaken men cannot be influenced to desist we need some laws or the enforcement of what we have. These are my special friends I mention, nice men, but mistaken in trying to justify such a custom. There have come in among us many who have no regard for the Sabbath, and unless we stand firm it will go. Then what? O think! There comes to every informed mind a horrible picture as he tries to imagine a nation or civilization without a Sabbath. Sodom is the thing to think of.

I am jealous for Halifax county, and I trust Scotland Neck will start a move that shall help the whole county. I remember with pride the stand taken by E. T. Whitehead Co. when I was there in regard to selling drinks, tobacco etc. on the Sabbath. And I trust the day is not far when there will be a reaction against this flagrant disregard of the institution which a wise Being saw was necessary for a happy, prosperous world. Give us a Sabbath Observance League or any thing else that will save us from the ravages of this cancer before it has planted its roots too deep for eradication. Hurrah for The Commonwealth's stand!

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LEWIS WEST IS GUILTY.

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STETSON ESCAPES THE DEATH PENALTY.

Wilson, March 17—After three hours deliberation the jury in the case of Lewis West and John Stetson, on trial for the murder of Deputy George Munford, returned a verdict of first degree murder as to the former and murder in the second degree as to the latter.

The date for West's electrocution and sentence of Stetson will be named by Judge Adams tomorrow. The maximum penalty for second degree murder in this state is 30 years. No demonstration was made when the eagerly awaited verdict was announced, the crowd that filled the courtroom and extended out into the streets, heeding the warning of the court that arrests would follow any demonstration of feeling. The verdict of second degree murder in Stetson's case came as a great surprise to the crowd.

After the verdict six of the remaining 16 members of the alleged gang of which West was the leader were arraigned. The condemned murderer was the chief witness offered by the state, he willingly taking the stand and giving evidence against his former pals, as he said, in hopes of making everything right with God. All were convicted before adjournment of offenses for which the maximum penalty is five years.

These negroes were Dave Young, Will Lane, Matthew McBane, Wade Williams and Tom Lane. The first four, after West had testified against them, admitted having formed a conspiracy here to rob a store at Dunn, N. C., and later executing it. Mary Young, in who's home the fatal attempt to arrest West and Stetson was made, was convicted of keeping a bawdy house. All of the prisoners will be sentenced tomorrow.


In a private statement this afternoon in the presence of your correspondent West said he was sorry he committed the crime, and that drinking and keeping bad company was the cause of it. He is 23 years old, he says, although he looks much older, and weighs 198 pounds. He says he was very hungry and had no money to buy food, was the reason he went in the negro restaurant at Maxton, where he was arrested while trying to sell a pistol and get food.

Wilson, March 18.—Lewis West was this morning sentenced for electrocution May 5th, for the murder of Deputy Sheriff George Munford. Stetson was given 30 years and the others in the house at the time of the shooting get smaller sentences.

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