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THE COUNTY EXHIBIT.

In this week's issue appears the annual financial report required by law to be published by the county commissioners. For several years past this report has not been published in any newspaper...

PUBLIC SCHOOL MATTERS.

Sitting on the County Board of Education, the commissioners on the first Monday in the month apportioned the school fund. Mr. Jno. J. Ormand, the Clerk of the Board, has kindly furnished some school statistics which are given below.

There are in the county 73 white districts, and 30 colored. The white pupils number 5,570 and the colored 2,401. The apportionment was based on the rate of 94 cents per pupil...

By reference to the financial statement published by the Board of Commissioners this week it will be seen that the whole amount of state and county revenue raised by the county last year was \$11,450.50, of which only \$10,050.19 was disbursed.

Inasmuch as this paper directed attention to Congressman Linney's appointment of Mr. E. Spencer Hickburn as his private secretary, we now feel called upon to note that Mr. Linney has permitted his assistant to resign...

HOW HE GOT PICKED UP.

Mr. or Mrs. Tatt's a Thing or Two on Monday—He is Going out to England. He has been picked up by the War—We Will Write Again from California.

I expect to pull out again next week in the interest of my United States business. I think I shall go to New Orleans, touch on Mexico, then go on west to California. I thought I would drop you a few lines for fear I would not be missed, as I have been close at home for some time.

On this trip I hope not to get picked up as bad as I did at the Exposition in Atlanta, that my wife and I intend to take a huge pumpkin that weighed 100 pounds, the seed of which was on sale for 50 cents per 4 men I bought one dozen for myself and to hand around to my friends when I got home.

Mr. Editor, keep this space in your paper for me until I get to California and I will tell you of some of the largest trees you ever heard of. I have been told that some of these grow so large that a four horse team can drive through. I cannot understand that unless the trees had to grow around the hollow.

Now this is not strictly a political letter so I will close by asking the children a riddle that was asked me in Florida: Out young killed a fat poor Joe On a dead head.

Wishing all the readers of THE GAZETTE a happy new year and the same to the Editor, I remain the same as ever.

Lowell Sheriff. Preaching at 93—No Menor in Lowell. Rev. R. H. Austin Moves to the Methodist Parsonage.

Lowell, Jan. 15.—Mr. J. W. Abernethy and family moved from here to Gastonia yesterday. Rev. Mr. Steele will move to-morrow into Mr. Abernethy's residence and the parsonage will be rented out this year.

Miss Emma Miller is visiting the family of her uncle, Rev. E. A. Miller, under the auspices of the Rev. D. M. Austin, of Charlotte, who went out to the Holland farm today to remain through the year. The Baptist congregation has been very lucky in securing Mr. Austin to preach for them this year. His preaching, we hear, appears to be of the right kind.

Perfect Health.

Keep the system in perfect order by the occasional use of Tut's Liver Pills. They regulate the bowels and produce a Vigorous Body. For sick headache, malaria, biliousness, constipation and kindred diseases, an absolute cure TUTT'S LIVER PILLS.

SHIPPING HICKORY TIMBER.

A Car-load Goes from Upper Gaston to Hickory—Yours May Have to Be—People Getting Nervous. Correspondence of The Gazette.

HARDY, Jan. 13.—Mr. L. W. Burgess, of Maiden, is meeting with fairly good success in this locality, in furnishing the spoke and handle factory at Hickory with a good lot of hickory timber. He got one car-load on the plantation of D. A. Sumner, and the land-holders seem anxious to help him make the business a success.

Mr. John Watts, whose wife died some two months since of fever, leaving four or five small children, was married last Sunday to Miss Alice Nantz, Rev. W. B. McClure officiating. The bride, I am told, slipped away from home at that.

Also on last Sunday, Mr. Artus Semmes of the Garden Out-on Mills and a Miss King of Maiden were united in marriage.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

New York is in the lead among the bidders for the National Democratic Convention, Chicago, St. Louis, and Cincinnati are other candidates for the committee's favor.

The Stateville Landmark has information that Mr. E. Spoor Blackburn, of Ashe, who has been private secretary to Congressman Linney since the opening of Congress, has signed his job. The reason for Mr. Blackburn's resigning is not given out.

Mr. R. L. Abernethy, of Mountain Island, writes the Newton Enterprise that an interesting debating society meets there every Thursday night. In discussing the question "Should we have the Free and Unlimited Coinage of Silver," Mr. Abernethy was invited to support the gold-basis, or negative.

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ANNUAL EXHIBIT COUNTY REVENUES AND CHARGES.

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Large table listing various items, amounts, and names. Columns include item descriptions, amounts, and names of individuals or organizations.

"After Stock-Taking."

Always after we have taken stock, we find some goods on hand out of proportion with balance of stock.

MEN'S DERBY HATS come under this line, and we intend to cut prices on them FOR INSTANCE— ONE HALF.

Hat worth \$3.00 will go at \$1.50. Hat worth 2.00 will go at 1.00. Hat worth 1.50 will go at 75c. Hat worth 1.00 will go at 50c.

Nov. 23, 1895, W. B. Black, serving 5 road orders \$ 9.00. Nov. 20, 1895, L. L. Jenkins error in tax for 1895 78.70. Nov. 30, 1895 Commissioners allowed Treasurer 317.51.

GARDEN SEEDS.

A FRESH STOCK OF GARDEN SEED JUST OPENED UP. Gallant, Whitesides & Co.

Registration Notice. Having been appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Gastonia to perform the duties of the Town of Gastonia...

Notice. Having qualified as administrator with the will annexed of Daniel S. Hines, deceased, notice is given to all persons having claims against said estate to present them duly verified to me on or before the 16th day of January, 1907.

LAND SALE. By virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage deed executed to Sept. 1, 1895, by M. J. Manning and wife S. A. Manning to secure the payment of a bond of seven dollars...

Mortgage Land Sale. By authority given in a certain Deed of Mortgage executed by E. K. Pryor and Sarah M. Pryor to J. P. Culp, there will be sold to the highest bidder at public auction...

NOTICE. New Ordinance Prohibiting Wag Wags in Town after 10th day of February. The Board of Commissioners of the town of Gastonia do hereby order that...

MUNICIPAL NOTICE. Attention on Waterworks for Gastonia. Ordered to be held 10th day of February, 1909, at Public Building.

Remember the Dead. The Gastonia Steam Marble and Granite Works. Having bought the interest of J. B. Beard in the above named business, we take pleasure in announcing that we shall remain at the same stand and intend to run a FIRST CLASS MARBLE YARD.

Watch This Space Next Week. Costner, Pegram, Jones and Company.

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