

NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD TAXES.

Ex-Chief Justice Shepherd Taking Testimony at Greensboro.

A QUIET HOME WEDDING.

Miss Evie Scarborough Ellis Becomes the Bride of Mr. James Hunter Lawrence—Mrs. F. M. Simmons Seriously Ill—The Vance Monument Criticized—Sudden Death of a Well Known Character—The Passing of a Central Hospital Patient.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 13.—Ex-Chief Justice James E. Shepherd, standing master in chancery, is at Greensboro engaged in hearing testimony in the railroad tax assessment case, which has engaged the attention of the people of this State since the Corporation Commission attempted to force the railroads of the State to pay taxes on the full value of their property.

Witnesses were introduced have been to show that private and personal property does not pay taxes on the full value, the two-thirds rule generally being observed.

It was shown that in some instances the assessors have a standing rule to assess property at or near its two-thirds valuation, it being generally held that property will not bring its full value, especially in a forced sale.

Witnesses have been summoned from the counties of Guilford, Rockingham, Caswell, Forsyth, Stokes and Surry. The hearing will consume the remainder of the week.

The Southern Railway is represented by Captain Charles Price, the Seaboard Air Line by John D. Shaw, and the Atlantic Coast Line by George C. Rountree.

Judge H. G. Connor, of Wilson, and Charles A. Cooke, of Warrenton, appear for the Corporation Commission. The hearing will consume the remainder of the week.

HOME WEDDING.

A very quiet, tasteful home wedding took place in this city last night at 9 o'clock, at the bride's home. The contracting parties are Miss Evie Scarborough Ellis and Mr. James Hunter Lawrence. Owing to the recent death of the bride's mother, no cards were issued, and there were no attendants.

The bride wore a dress of white organdy and carried a bunch of Bride's Roses. The ceremony was very impressively performed by Rev. W. D. Hubbard, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, of this city. The ceremony was witnessed by only a few friends.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. R. B. Ellis. She is graceful in form and lovely in feature and disposition. Her kindness and gracious sweetness have made her many friends, and by her charming gentleness and goodness she will always shed happiness and sunshine over the home which she has been called upon to preside.

Mr. Lawrence is a member of the clerical force in the office of Mr. J. M. Turner, district superintendent of the Seaboard Air Line. He is a young railroad of sterling worth, who is highly esteemed by his associates. The future shows bright to this happy couple.

MRS. SIMMONS SERIOUSLY ILL.

Mrs. F. M. Simmons is seriously ill. Yesterday at Rex Hospital an operation was performed for appendicitis. The operation was entirely successful. Though she is still very ill, she is doing as well as could be expected and her physicians predict her recovery. She was taken suddenly ill Tuesday morning.

THE VANCE MONUMENT.

There is some criticism of the metal inscriptions and ornaments that have been put on the base of the Vance monument. Many deem that the monument would not only be prettier if it were simple and unadorned, but that it would be more in keeping with the character of the man whose memory it is meant to perpetuate.

DROPPED DEAD.

Mrs. Perry, a well-known character here, and for many years an object of charity, dropped dead yesterday morning while picking cotton in a field just back of the colored school for the deaf and dumb. She was about 55 years old and lived near Watson school with her daughter. They came here many years ago from Morrisville, this county.

DIED AT THE ASYLUM.

At the Central Hospital near this city on last Sunday, Mr. Laban Woodlief died. His home was in Newlight township, this county, where he was for many years a prosperous merchant and farmer. In later years, however, he was unsuccessful. With the loss of his property and other reverses he became melancholy and was finally brought to the asylum here for treatment. He had many friends in this city, where he was well-known. A wife and several children survive him.

HIGH POINT.

NEW INDUSTRIES TO BE ESTABLISHED. High Point, N. C., Sept. 12.—High Point is to get the Raleigh Bed Springs Company, which has been operated by J. B. Brewer and Corey Hunter near Wake Forest, N. C. This firm manufactures only wire bed springs, and came to the furniture centre for a larger plant and better facilities.

A company has also been organized to manufacture iron bedsteads. They have their site, and will soon begin working. This concern was organized by J. H. Mills and E. M. Arnfied, with a good big capital. They mean to do a big business.

There is another trunk factory being organized by John Tate, and about all the stock has been taken, and a site secured for the plant.

The High Point Excelsior and Trunk Factory has about secured all its machinery, and will soon begin work in both departments.

ROCKY MOUNT.

A BRYAN-KITCHEN-POU CLUB ORGANIZED. Rocky Mount, N. C., Sept. 13.—The Democratic voters of Rocky Mount townships in Nash and Edgecombe counties met in a mass meeting in the Opera House Saturday evening. They met to form a Democratic campaign club. Judge Battle presided. He stated the object of the meeting and in a strong speech of some length discussed the several issues now pending between the Democratic and Republican parties, and pointed out the abso-

lute necessity of thorough organization among Democrats. On motion, the club was named the Bryan-Kitchen-Pou Club in compliment to the Presidential candidate, as well as the brilliant young candidates for Congress in the Second and Fourth Districts. J. O. W. Gravelly was elected president of the club, and T. T. Thorne secretary. T. M. Arrington and E. L. Daughtridge were elected vice presidents. The club will meet again in the Opera House Friday, September 14th, at 8 o'clock p. m. Some prominent speakers will be on hand to address the club. Everybody is invited to come out.

GREENSBORO.

SCARCITY OF WATER THE TOPIC OF CONVERSATION.

Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 13.—The failure of the city water supply is the chief topic of conversation on the streets and in the homes. The largely increased consumption and the drought has brought about a condition that has never existed before, and the Water Company, together with the Board of Aldermen, are receiving a quite amount of gratuitous criticisms. Most of this criticism is wholly unjust, as neither the Water Company nor the City Fathers have any control over the rainfall or the water that is allowed to run from springs along the watercourses. Some people have been quite severe on the owners of the water plant (it has not been transferred to the city yet) because of their alleged failure to notify the public that the water was getting short. It is but just to the Water Company to say that away back in July, when the water showed signs of failing, they inserted advertisements in the local daily papers and distributed printed cards among all water-takers, cautioning and warning them against a too free use of water.

Some people censure the Board of Aldermen for entering into an agreement to purchase the water works and claim that a new plant should be installed with a pumping station on South Buffalo Creek, which, it is claimed, affords ample water. A test was made of the flow in that creek yesterday and the truth ascertained. In its present condition it runs only 13,297 gallons in twenty-four hours. At that rate it would require five or six days to fill the supply tank, which only holds enough to supply the ordinary needs of the city and railroads for three hours.

Wells are being cleaned out and fixed up for drinking purposes, while railroad engines take their water at smaller stations along the line. Those of our lumber mills using city water for their boilers are having wells dug. The wells are at 250 ft., and if the streams are drying up the old mother earth appears to have an ample supply of water stored away, and only a little digging is necessary to get it.

WELDON.

MARSHALS FOR THE FAIR—MRS. DANIEL'S CONDITION.

Weldon, N. C., Sept. 13.—Mr. T. C. Harrison, chief marshal for the Weldon Fair, to be held October 30, 31 and November 1 and 2, has made the following appointments of marshals: W. M. Cohen, P. W. Garrett, L. A. Weller, F. A. Jones, Howard MacRae, Dr. S. B. DeLeon Green, A. P. Statback, R. O. Edwards, A. L. Cochran, Ed. Hardison, S. R. Clary, P. W. Squire, E. L. Green, Weldon, S. M. Gary, Ferrall McMahon, Joe McMahon, Halifax; Dr. J. E. Shields, Scotland Neck; J. A. Johnston, Eugene Johnston, Edward M. Land, Littleton; Dr. MacRae, Dr. S. B. Pierce, Murphy Jackson, Joe Weller, Roanoke Rapids; Joe Bailey, Howard Hall, Charles Cochran, L. V. Southall, Emporia, Va.; Dempsey Grimes, Washington, N. C.; J. E. Hancock, Raleigh; Henry Burgwyn, Pollock Burgwyn, J. J. Long, Jackson; L. C. Cuthrell, Enfield; Jack Proctor, Franklin, Va.; Joe Sutter, Garysburg; E. E. Bohabit, Kingwood; Robert Lassiter, Henderson; Claude McGee, Franklinton; B. C. Crawford, Williamston.

A private telegram received here announces the serious illness of Mrs. P. T. Daniel, who is spending the summer at her father's home, in Fork Union, Va. Mr. Daniel is with her. Dr. J. E. Green, who was called up there to see her, has returned and says, while she is quite sick, she is doing fairly well. She is a sister-in-law of Mrs. W. C. Riddick, of Raleigh.

Cotton is selling on the streets for 10-14. Yesterday it sold on the streets for 10%.

Work will begin soon on the new spinning mill for the Weldon Cotton Manufacturing Company.

EDENTON.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Edenton, N. C., Sept. 13.—Mr. Harry Bender returned yesterday from a pleasure trip to Baltimore.

Mr. F. M. Dunston, of Windsor, is at Hotel White this morning.

Mr. C. J. Rudolph, one of Norfolk's fashionable tailors, is in town on business this week.

Mr. Wm. Capehart passed through town yesterday en route to Chapel Hill. Mr. Jack McMullan also left this morning for the University.

Mr. P. E. Hines, Jr., is in Edenton this morning.

Mr. Wm. Bond is out of town on business to-day.

Mr. H. W. Hurdle is having an awning put in front of his place of business.

Mr. L. F. Ziegler is having the painters brush applied to his residence.

PITTSBORO.

FUSIONISTS TRYING PLAN OF STOP THIEF.

Pittsboro, N. C., Sept. 13.—The Fusionists in two townships in Chatham county have sworn out warrants against the entire election board in said townships, charging them with the crime, in refusing to deposit ballots; in not labelling the boxes; in falling in count ballots, and making proper returns; in refusing to permit electors to be present at the count.

It is understood that the facts are with the defendants, and that the purpose of this prosecution is to forestall any action of the grand jury at court next week against certain Fusion leaders for their riotous interference at the polls in Williams township on election day.

HERTFORD.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Hertford, N. C., Sept. 13.—Big forest fires are raging south of here. Several thousand dollars worth of valuable lumber have been destroyed, and the fires are spreading rapidly, and unless we have some big showers soon the whole timber lands of this county, together with other valuable property, will be destroyed.

WINDSOR.

COURT MATTERS—FARMERS INSURANCE ASSOCIATION—PERSONAL.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Windsor, N. C., Sept. 13.—Since Monday there have been disposed of five civil cases and one criminal action. A boy for attempting to poison, was sentenced to county farm for six months. There was a large meeting of the Bertie county branch of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Association held in the court room yesterday, at which matters vitally concerning the existence of the same were discussed. A reorganization of the affairs of the association was ordered. They adjourned to meet again in November court.

Judge B. B. Winborne, of Murfreesboro, and Hon. George Cowper, of Winston, are also attending this term of court.

Mr. H. A. Chappel, representing the News and Observer, and Mr. A. B. McIver, representing the Morning Post, are in town this week.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRES.

BUSINESS PORTION OF WASHINGTON BURNED DOWN.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 13.—The business portion of the town of Washington, N. C., was to-day almost entirely destroyed by fire. The loss is to-night estimated at \$150,000. The flames originated from a defective flue in a restaurant about 1 o'clock and spread rapidly to the adjacent buildings.

At one time the whole town was in danger, and the neighboring towns of Greenville and Rocky Mount for assistance. The Greenville company responded and the fire is under control.

Also at Chapel Hill, N. C., there was a fire to-day caused by a defective flue. The loss is from \$7,000 to \$10,000.

GOVERNOR VANCE'S LIFE.

TWO INTERESTING INCIDENTS CALLED TO MIND.

(Mr. Battle at the unveiling of the Vance statue, at Raleigh, on the 22d of August.) The following is an instance of Governor Vance's prompt and resolute manner in dealing with infringements on the rights of the State. In the fall of 1863 the Raleigh Standard, edited by W. W. Holden, subsequently Governor of the State during the period of reconstruction, was thought to be hostile in spirit to the Confederate cause, and to be looking toward peace by separate State action. On the night of September 9th a Georgia regiment of General Benning's brigade, passed through Raleigh, stopped long enough to lead a mob and destroy the Standard office of the State Journal, a paper of strongly opposite views. Governor Vance at once telegraphed the facts to President Davis, and in a letter to him next day used the following vigorous language: "As it is my intention to enforce the laws rigidly against all citizens who participated in the second mob, so I feel it my duty to demand punishment may be inflicted on the officers who assisted or countenanced the first. Should this not be done, I shall feel it my duty to demand the persons of these officers, of the State of Georgia, to answer the demands of justice. I feel very sad at these outrages. The distance is quite short to either anarchy or despotism when armed soldiers, led by their officers can with impunity outrage the laws of a State. A few more such exhibitions will bring the North Carolina troops home to the defence of her own State and her institutions. I pray you to see that it does not occur again. Should any newspaper in the State commit treason I would have its editor arrested and tried by the laws, which many of us yet respect. I thank you for your prompt orders by telegraph to Major Frazier concerning the passage of troops through the city. They are now being enforced, and peace can be preserved if they are rightly obeyed."

This threat of separate State action, made to emphasize his determination to have the law of the State respected, is offset by an incident over twelve months later, when stout hearts began to quail at what they feared to be the approaching downfall of our cause. I had some knowledge of it at the time; but years after Governor Vance gave it to me in its details. A gentleman of the highest character and standing, and whom Governor Vance greatly respected for his wisdom and patriotism, was here from Richmond. He called at the executive office and informed the Governor that he was commissioned to deliver an important message to him, and wished an audience with him alone. Others having retired from the room, the gentleman informed Governor Vance that certain members of Congress from this and other States had recently held a conference, and in view of what appeared to them the utter hopelessness of the cause, resolved that steps should be taken to prevent further fusion of blood and loss of property; and that North Carolina was by its location in respect to invading armies in a position to bring about the result; and their message conveyed a request that he should issue an order requiring the North Carolina troops in the field to return home and to end the war. Governor Vance rose from his seat in great excitement, and standing with his back to the fire, asked his companion courteously whether that was his advice, and receiving as a reply, "No, I only deliver the message I was requested to bring," he swore, in his wrath a great oath. "No! I would see the last one of them in perdition before I would do it. Were it to do that the last of it would not be heard for generations to come. It would be charged that the Confederacy might have succeeded but for the treachery of North Carolina. So far as the honor of the State is in my keeping, it shall be untarnished. She must stand or fall with her sisters." His friend replied, "I am not sure but you are right," and, on his return to Richmond, reported to those who sent the message, that they need not expect anything by separate actions from North Carolina.

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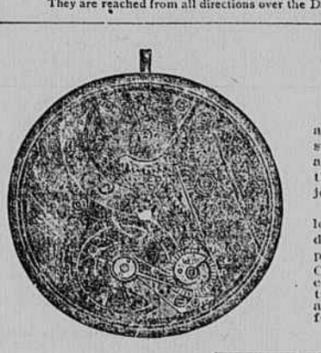
Alexander Haig, M. A., M. D., Oxon., F. R. C. P., London, in his work on "Uric Acid in Causation of Disease," gives Excess of Uric Acid in the Blood as the cause of Gout, Rheumatism, Calculi of the Kidney and Bladder, Albuminuria, Bright's Disease, Heart Affections, Nervous Depression, Nervous Headache, Neuralgia, Epilepsy, Insanity, Asthma, Suicide, Bronchitis, Dyspepsia, Eczema, etc., etc.

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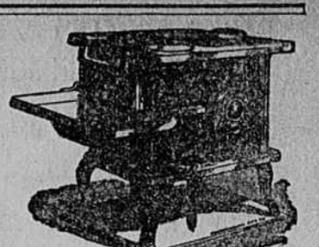
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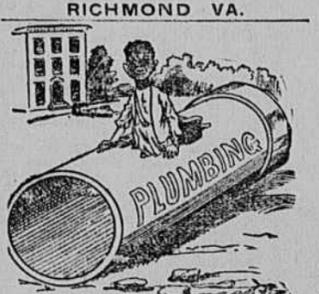
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