Public Schools.

Some Information Regarding Them In This County.

The law requires that the Clerk of the school district shall annually take a census of all persons between the ages of 6 and 21 years.

Mr. Mark Martin has just completed his labors in the 7th district of this county and kindly hands us the result.

White.—		
1st. district.		361.
2nd,	"	194.
3rd,	"	61
4th,	"	77.
5th,	"	81
	Total,	774.
Colored.—		
1st. sub. district,		81.
2nd "	"	23.
	Total.	104.

The last census showed 779 white and 124 colored a loss of 25 in the white district. District 1 white gains 24; District 4, gains 18: District 5, gains 11; the other districts fall off, Sequachee the worst of any, having lost 40 scholars. For this we are sorry, but what can be expected. People must live where they can earn something to give their children good, but the worst feature is the depopulation of any district afflicts those who remain, and estimating the school fund at $2.00 per capita, the income for 1894 will be $388. If the fund pans out $2.25, then there is $436.50 for the year's teaching, leaving out the cost of fuel, $8.00. The average cost per month of the spring term was $62.76, and leaves the margin small.

The schools will open as follows:

Sub-districts 3, 4, 5, white, and 1 colored, July 15th.

Sub. 2, white, (Sequachee) July 22,

Sub. 1, white, (Jasper), and Sub. 2, colored (Sequachee) will depend on funds being available.

We thank Mr. Martin for his kindness. He is a good man for school director, and the citizens of the district made a good choice in selecting him who cheerfully performs a duty which is less appreciated than any public duty performed.

A Colored Celebration.

The Blowing Spring in Columbus Park, was an animated and busy scene all day, and to the merry music of the banjo, dancing vigorous and enthusiastic under the management of P. Marion Rankin, continued incessantly. The refreshment department was under the direction of Richard Grimes. The proceeds of the picnic, which were considerable, was for the benefit ot the church. The best of order prevailed.

Industrial Conditions.

Industrial conditions in the South continue th improve. One of the largest and wealthiest manufacturing companies in Birmingham has recently advanced wages 10 per cent, on account of increase in the price of pig iron. Several large steel plants are going up at different points, among them one at Sheffield, Ala., with $1,500,000, the other $200,000. The following extract shows the interest being aroused on the questions of cotmanufacturing: "The incorporation of a cotton mill with $200,000 capital Charleston, W. Va.; one with $150,000 capital at Athens, Ga., one with 50,000 capital at Prosperity, S. C., and others at Graham, Goldsboro, Mt. Holland and Belton, Texas, and a cotton and woolen mill at Cartersville, Ga., are reported."

We have heard of a man who objected to the singing of "Dixie" on the 4th. Why, what for? Dixie is a jolly rollicking air was composed by a new New York man in the golden days of negro minstrelsy we heard it the other side of the Atlantic nearly forty years ago, we liked it then, we like it still.

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A meeting is called for Saturday next at 10 o'clock at the school house, to request the school directors to establish a secondary school.

Post 53, Grand Army of the Republic holds its regular meeting on Saturday July 13th.

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