## MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

County Seat, Charlotte.

Formed in 1762 from Anson county. Named in honor of the Queen, Princess Charlette, of Mecklenburg.

Area, 680 square miles.

POPULATION. 55,268. White males, 15,600: white females, 15,735. Foreign born, 360. Negro males, 11,571; negro females, 12,302. White males over 21 years, 7,523; negro males over 21 years, 5,063. White polls, 4,615, negro polls,, 2,141.

Value of real estate, \$10,033,378, increase of \$226,616 over 1903. Value personal property, \$4,435,247, decrease of \$323,058 from 1903, including 3,295 horses, 4,659 mules, 19 jacks and jennets, 311 goats, 10,143 cattle, 9.205 hogs, 754 sheep.

Property listed in 1904 by whites, \$14,038,974; by negroes, \$429,651.

No. Schools: White, 78; Colored, 61.

TAX RATE: County, 23 2-3c. on \$100; roads, 10c.; interest on debt, 15c.; convicts, 25c.

Bonded debt, \$300,000. Floating debt, \$40,000. Macadam road, 120 miles; cost per mile, \$3,000. Iron bridges, 11.

POST OFFICES: BIDDLEVILLE, Caldwells, CHARLOTTE, (c. h.), Cornelius, Croft, BAVIDSON, DERITA, Eastfield, Exact, Fennimore, HUNTERSVILLE, Kent, MATTHEWS Minnie, Monteith, Newell, PINEVILLE, Sandifer, Sardis, Shopton, Uncas.

PUBLIC ROADS: S. T. Stowe, Dixie, Supt. Worked by Old State Law and convicts. Two complete macadamizing outfits; cost about \$15,000. Best roads in the State.

RAILROAD, TELEGRAPH AND EXPRESS COMPANIES:

Seaboard Air Line, 23.90 miles, assessed value	\$477,586.21
North Carolina, 11.90 miles, assessed value	348,901.42
Atlanta & Charlotte Air Line, 11.42 miles, assessed value	
Southern Railway, 34.88 miles, assessed value	862,277.08
Pullman Company, 48.00 miles, assessed value	6,971.80
Western Union Telegraph Company, 1,019.51 miles, assessed val	lue 29,827.81
Southern Express Company, 82.10 miles, assessed value	