

Statement Showing Rate of Taxation From 1874 to 1906.

For 1874, 31 2-3 cents on every \$100 worth of property.
 For 1875, 29 2-3 cents on every \$100 worth of property.
 For 1876, 29 2-3 cents on every \$100 worth of property.
 For 1877, 29 2-3 cents on every \$100 worth of property.
 For 1878, 29 2-3 cents on every \$100 worth of property.
 For 1879, 24 cents on every \$100 worth of property.
 For 1880, 24 cents on every \$100 worth of property.
 For 1881, 28 cents on every \$100 worth of property.
 For 1882, 28 cents on every \$100 worth of property.
 For 1883, 25 cents on every \$100 worth of property.
 For 1884, 25 cents on every \$100 worth of property.
 For 1885, 25 cents on every \$100 worth of property.
 For 1886, 25 cents on every \$100 worth of property.
 For 1887, 20 cents on every \$100 worth of property.
 For 1888, 20 cents on every \$100 worth of property.
 From 1889 to 1893, the rate was 25 cents.
 For 1893, 22 cents on every \$100 worth of property.
 For 1894, 22 cents on every \$100 worth of property.
 For 1895, 21 2-3 cents on every \$100 worth of property.
 From 1895 to 1901, the rate was 21 2-3 cents.
 For 1901, 21 cents on every \$100 worth of property.
 For 1902, 21 cents on every \$100 worth of property.
 For 1903, 21 cents on every \$100 worth of property.
 For 1904, 21 cents on every \$100 worth of property.
 For 1905, 21 cents on every \$100 worth of property.
 For 1906, 21 cents on every \$100 worth of property.

SOME PERTINENT COMMENTS.

The foregoing tables will furnish the basis of many striking arguments, showing the benefit to the State of Democratic rule. Attention is called in the first place to the great decrease in the expenses of the State government when the Democrats came into power in 1871. It will be noticed that during the year 1895, under the fusionists, disbursements exceeded the receipts about \$154,000. It will also be noticed under the Democratic party the rate of taxation has gradually decreased, starting in 1874 at 31 2-3 cents on the \$100 worth of property, dropping to 21 cents in the year 1902. It is a fact well known that during the period of Republican rule from 1868 to 1870, although enormous sums of money were collected from the people in the form of taxes, nothing was done towards building school houses, teaching schools or providing necessary buildings for the unfortunate insane, blind, deaf and dumb, or penal class. The great buildings at the penitentiary, the magnificent asylums for the insane, and the deaf and dumb at Morganton, the asylum for the insane at Goldsboro, the governor's mansion, the buildings of the A. & M. College at Raleigh, the agricultural building, the supreme court building and the Normal College building at Greensboro, were all constructed under Democratic administration, without any increase in the rate of taxation, but while the rate of taxation was being gradually decreased.

In 1882, the rate of taxation for all State purposes, including all the State's institutions, save pensions and schools, was 28 cents on each \$100 worth of property. On all the property of the citizens, there was levied only 28 cents on each \$100 value thereof. For schools there was levied a special tax of 8 1-3 cents on each \$100 of value in addition to the above.

Since 1900, up to the present time the rate of taxation for all State purposes, including State institutions and \$200,000 as a supplement school fund, is only 21 cents on each \$100 of value of property.

Here is a reduction of the property tax of the farmer and all other citizens of 7 cents on each \$100 of value of their property, effected by the Democrats.

Again, in 1882, the total revenue collected by the State FOR ALL PURPOSES, including schools, interest on public debt, etc., was \$773,978.60. Of this amount, the "property tax"—that which the farmer as well as the town citizen paid on the value of all his property, was \$472,738.34, or SIXTY-ONE PER CENT OF THE WHOLE.

In 1901 the total revenues collected by the State from all sources and for all purposes amounted to \$1,602,676.48, of which "property tax" INCLUDING PENSIONS, amounted to \$776,945.30 or FORTY-SIX PER CENT OF THE WHOLE.

Thus it will be seen that while expenditures have increased the per-

centage of property tax has decreased between 1883 and 1901, 15 per cent. Here is a reduction IN THE RATE of taxation on property, effected by Democratic management of 7 cents on each \$100 of value, and a reduction of the proportion of taxes paid on property—as distinguished from corporations and privileges or franchises, from 61 per cent. to 46 per cent.

The school tax in 1882 was 8 1-3 cents on each \$100 of value. The Democrats increased this to 18 cents, and, without increasing the property tax otherwise one mill, an appropriation is made from revenue arising from other sources, corporations and the like, of an amount sufficient to make the pension fund \$200,000 per annum.

The enemy of the people generally as well as of the party, attempt to make the impression that Democratic revenue acts bear with increasing severity and inequality upon the farmer as a property-holder and class.

Let us see: We have shown that the gross tax on all property in the State, other than corporations and privileges, had been reduced from 61 per cent. of the whole in 1882 to 46 per cent. of the whole revenue in 1901. For the larger proportion of the increase of revenue has come from the corporations and privileges levied by the Democrats, as the above figures show, with a large reduction of the rate of taxation upon the lands and other property of our citizens.

So the farmer has no right, in reason and fairness, to complain of the Democratic administration; the land-owners have nothing to complain of, the property-owners have no just cause of complaint, the increase of values and sources of revenue being in increasing ratio upon the industrial enterprises and energies and resources of our people, corporate or otherwise. Farms and farm property, town lots and town property and accumulations have increased in value certainly, but on this class of property the Democrats have reduced the rate of taxation from 28 cents to 21 cents for purposes other than schools and pensions, and increased the assessment and privilege taxes of corporations and industrial enterprises.

AND NOT A SINGLE INTEREST IS UNJUSTLY DISCRIMINATED AGAINST UNDER THE OPERATION OF THE PRESENT DEMOCRATIC REVENUE MEASURE.

NORTH CAROLINA'S GRANITE.

Output of This Valuable Stone Becoming a Great Industry—Figures show the Large Increase.

Special to The Observer. Washington, Oct. 16.—Although North Carolina is largely interested in cotton manufacturing and other enterprises, there are many more industries throughout different sections of the State that tend to swell the aggregate amount of business done from year to year.

The granite output in North Carolina in 1905 amounted in value to \$564,578. This in comparison with the value for 1904, \$297,749, showed the large increase of \$266,829. This increase was principally in the stone sold rough and dressed for building purposes and in stone made into paving blocks. The producing localities are Asheville and Montford, Buncombe county, Balfour, Henderson county; Rockliff, Polk county; Granite Quarry, Faith, Salisbury and Barber, Rowan county; Old Fort, McDowell county; Advance, Davie county; Gastonia, Gaston county; Greystone, Vance county; Mt. Airy, Surry county, and Wise, Warren county.

In sandstone production the total amount reported for the State during the last year amounted to \$4,483 and came almost altogether from Sanford, Moore county.

The stone classed as granite includes gneiss, mica, chert, lava, tuffa and esite, and allied igneous rocks. While North Carolina is rich in these stores, not a sufficient amount was quarried last year to make a tabulation.

The value of sandstone produced in the United States last year was \$10,006,774, as against \$10,274,891 the year previous.

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 Franklinsville, Friday night, Oct. 26th.
 Worthville, Saturday night, Oct. 27th.
 Why Not Academy, Wednesday night, Oct. 31st.
 Flint Hill, Thursday night, Nov. 1st.
 Parks Cross Roads, Friday night, Nov. 2nd.
 Cedar Falls, Saturday night, Nov. 3rd.

Mr. J. P. Blair.
 Gray's Chapel School House, Thursday night, November 1, 1906, at 7:30 o'clock.

J. B. Blair.
 Franklinsville, Wednesday night, Oct. 31st.
 Randleman, Friday night, Nov. 2nd.

Hon. L. C. Caldwell, of Statesville, will Address the Voters of Randolph County at the Following Times and Places.

Trinity College, Tuesday, Oct. 23d, at 12:30 o'clock.

Hon. J. R. Blair, Democratic Nominee for State Senate in this district, will be with the Democratic candidates at the following times and places:

Ramseur, Wednesday, October 31st.

Liberty, Thursday, November 1st. The Republican nominee is requested to be present at all these appointments, and a division of time will be given.

Let all the people, regardless of political beliefs, turn out to hear the issues discussed.

This Sept. 28, 1906.
 W. J. SCARBORO,
 Chm. Dem. Co. Ex. Com.

Candidates' Speaking.

The democratic candidates for the General Assembly and for the various county offices will address the people on the political issues of the day at the following times and places:

Yousan Grove School House Thursday, Oct. 25th.
 Shiloh Academy Friday night Oct. 26th.
 Asheboro Saturday night Oct. 27th.
 Central Falls Monday night Oct. 29th.
 Franklinsville Tuesday night Oct. 30th.
 Staley Wednesday night Oct. 31st.

Julian School House Thursday night Nov. 1st
 Laurel Cross Friday night Nov. 2nd.
 Worthville Saturday night Nov. 3rd.

Everybody is invited to attend and hear the discussion of the issues.

W. J. SCARBORO,
 Chm. Co. Dem. Executive Com.

THANKSGIVING TURKEYS.

How to Fatten Them For the Festive Season.

Thursday, November 29th, will be Thanksgiving Day. Mr. President has not said so, but he will when I remind him of it; so those having turkeys to sell for that festive occasion can bank on the 29th and prepare to fatten their toothsome birds in the following manner: Those to be kept for breeders should be separated as well as those not yet old enough for market. The best and most vigorous should be selected for breeding stock, and not the late hatched that are too small to sell. Feed the fattening birds four times daily, unless they have the run of the grain fields where they play the part of scavengers. The first meal may well consist of cooked potatoes, turnips, beets, squash, pumpkins, sweet apples, or other vegetables and beef scrap, the whole thick and with oats and corn ground together or corn meal alone and bran. To the whole mess should be added buttermilk. Feed this in the morning as soon as possible. A little pulverized charcoal three or four times a week is a helpful addition. The other meals of the day should consist of whole corn, old if possible, varied with wheat and oats, and a little barley or buckwheat, if convenient. Grit or gruel should be handy, and water—or preferably milk—for drinking. Turkeys which are regularly and heavily fed will not be so active or inclined to roam like those lightly fed, and will be more likely to come for their feed.

MARKETING THE TURKEYS.

About three weeks is required for properly fattening, so if one begins in late October, he should have his turkeys ready for Thanksgiving market, as prices for choice turkeys are highest at that time. Medium sized turkeys are most in demand, large sizes being desired by few. The late hatched turkeys, those too small for Thanksgiving trade, can be cooped separately and pushed along in time to make creditable birds by the next and all important holiday, Christmas.—Progressive Farmer.

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