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It is estimated that Santa Claus cost an average of about \$120,000,000.

THE Governor has succeeded in putting his two railroad commissioners into office.

THE first official act of the new railroad commissioners was to draw \$500 each on account of salary.

SENATOR HANNA's seat in the U. S. Senate is not quite a surety yet. He is keeping very quiet just now.

SAVED IN TWO CASES BY THE COURT.

Charlotte Observer.

We must do the Supreme Court of North Carolina the justice to say that it has saved the people a good many hardships which they would otherwise have suffered at the hands of fusion Legislatures. It saved them in the matter of the assignment act and now it steps in and declares unconstitutional the clause of the revenue act of the last Legislature which provides imprisonment for taxes. These decisions do not, however, help the case of these Legislatures—it is neither their fault nor to their credit that both of these acts are not in full force and effect. And the fact remains as to the revenue act, and ought to be remembered, that by reason of the terror which it inspired many people have been hard put to it and have paid their taxes at the expense of not only Christmas extras but common comforts to their families. It was as harsh a law as ever went on the State's statute books, and the threat of its execution has occasioned no little distress throughout the State. If it be pleaded for it either that the Legislature did not realize its full import, or that it has, after all, turned out to be unconstitutional and so no harm could have come of it anyway, the answer is that Legislatures should realize the import of bills which they enact into law, and that as to such important matters as revenue laws they should be at pains to learn whether or not they are probably constitutional when their enforcement would involve such far-reaching consequences as would have attended the enforcement of this one.

ASSUMPTION.

The Medical Brief.

The poet tells us to ASSUME a virtue if we lack it, and the political parties of the day adhere to the letter, if not the spirit, of this advice.

Those who line up under the Democratic banner to-day merely because the party wears that honored name, appear to have forgotten the great principles enunciated by its founder and leader.

Thomas Jefferson taught an individualistic policy. He believed in restricting governmental authority as much as possible, because he wanted the people to be self-reliant and self-controlled. He wanted them to expand and develop to make the most of themselves. He believed the best way to make a swimmer was to toss him in the water and leave him to Nature. He had a virile and scientific mind. His idea was indisputably correct. Civilization, the growth of the humanities, tends to

make us effeminate. While a certain amount of compromise is inevitable with the present average state of our knowledge yet our ideals must be kept pure and intact, and we must constantly work toward them. Is the Democratic party of to-day helping progress by laying stress on the great doctrines of Mr. Jefferson? Would the latter recognize his gospel of self-help, self-government in the combination of Populism, Socialism, Anarchism, which now marches under that name?

Mr. Jefferson, who taught most emphatically that every man should mind his own business, never meant that the fellow who followed his advice strictly should divide their returns with those who only cared to work the unruly member. He who believed that "that government is best which governs least," certainly did not intend it to be construed as repudiation of legal or moral obligations, nor would he have countenanced any revolt against duly constituted authority.

Mr. Jefferson wanted to preserve us from governmental meddling with individual rights, but he insisted that we should live honorably up to those rights. Our rights do not consist in trampling upon those of other people.

When the average Democrat assumes that he is one because he votes with the party, he would better stop and consider these things. Party regularity is used as a shibboleth by bosses to keep the sensitive in line, but the man who votes without honest conviction sins against his country and himself. And let him not believe that custom, prejudice, section or class hatred is conviction.

—A stomachful of undigested food is about as unhealthy a mass as one can well imagine.

What can be done with it? There it stays. It won't digest. It churns up, ferments and decays; becomes poisonous (as all putrid matter does) and causes great pain and deep-seated disorders.

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COTTON, THE TYRANT KING OF THE SOUTH.

The following article is from the pen of Dr. Joseph J. Lawrence, formerly of Wilson, but now of St. Louis, Mo., and appeared in the January issue of his paper, the Medical Brief. It is chock full of good sense, and is worthy of being reproduced in every paper in the South, so wholesome is the advice it contains. Would that our farmers could be induced to heed the suggestions of men who, like Dr. Lawrence, have no private interests to subservise, rather than be blinded and misled by politicians who try to keep them in ignorance that they may more effectively play upon their prejudices, and obtain their votes for the lucrative positions to which they aspire.

Cotton is king in the South, and exercises all the tyranny incident to that estate. Year after year, Southern farmers plant their fields in cotton, causing an immense surplus of this staple, and thereby entailing a fall in price below actual cost of production.

When more of a thing is made than is wanted, the price begins to decline, and continues falling until an approximate correspondence is made between Supply and Demand. We have seen this exemplified this year in the rising wheat market, occasioned by crop failures abroad, and sudden unexpected demands upon us to fill the shortage. Some twenty years ago wheat sold at a dollar per bushel, but the opening of the great North-west, with its enormous acreage of wheat, sent the price toppling. The coincident decline in silver did not, as claimed by Mr. Bryan, affect the price of wheat. The decline in silver was caused by the operation of the same law of Supply and Demand.

More silver mines were discovered, and cheaper methods of working them invented. The more of a thing, the cheaper. This law holds with cotton as with wheat. The price having fallen to a ruinous figure the people are alarmed, disaffected, looking wildly around for relief in any shape, and ready to lay the blame on any scape goat. The politicians make the most of the situation. They see the farmers mortgage their crops for a pittance year after year, keeping themselves poor, dependent, abject, yet never say: Cut loose from the Tyrant which has enslaved you! Diversify your crops. You have the finest fruit lands on earth, and horticulture can be made a paying business. One of the chief industries of little Holland is bulb raising. All our bulbs come from there. Study your business. Observe and think. Do not exhaust your soil by eternally planting one crop. In England farming has been reduced to an accurate science. They have not much territory, and must make the most of it. There they "rotate" crops with the best results. Florida is making money on her camphor forests. Get agricultural books and journals, and make experiments. There is no royal road to happiness or success, and you will continue to suffer so long as you struggle blindly with in exorable natural laws. No, the politicians say nothing like this. Every slave of circumstance is a natural adherent of his. The politician would be the last man to cut his bonds. Although he sees around him, undeveloped, immense sources of natural wealth, and he, himself, occupies a position of public trust, he gives the people no hint, nor suggestion, which might set their minds working in the right direction.

Already excited and depressed as the people are by their unfortunate financial condition, and unable to think calmly, the politician continues to stir them up by working on the passions, instead of developing the reasoning powers.

Raleigh News Budget.

WEDNESDAY December 22.

The penitentiary board is to meet in regular session January 17. The executive committee will meet on the 31st instant, to arrange for the swap of Smith and Mewborne.—An insurance agent at Charlotte writes the Secretary of State that he knows of some insurance companies which are doing business in this State without license.—Dr. Cy. Thompson, Secretary of State, resigns as superintendent of the Sunday school of Central M. E. church here.—To-night the rolling exposition car left on its five-year journey. The owners of the car pay for its transportation over all roads. They have a good thing of it and are bound to make money. Only two things are lacking in the exhibit—the cotton and fish industries of the State.—The U. S. Supreme Court postpones until February 21st the hearing of the case involving the constitutionality of the tonnage tax on foreign vessels.—The abundance of game in the market is striking, and it looks as if nature was restocking our old preserves for us. Quail, opossums and wild turkey are abundant, and it is said that the deer is returning to their former habitat.—The ceremonies in the laying of the corner stone of the monument to the memory of Senator Vance at Asheville were conducted to day by the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina.

THURSDAY, Dec 23.

The Supreme Court, Justice Douglas delivering the opinion, filed an opinion this afternoon in the case of Caldwell against Wilson, involving the title to the railroad commission chairmanship. The decision is just as was expected. The principal feature of it refers to the refusal of Judge Robinson to submit any issue to the jury. The court says this refusal was proper, as there were no disputed facts before the court.—Ex-Vice President Stevenson has accepted an invitation to deliver the address at the unveiling at Charlotte on the 20th of May next, of the monument to the Signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

FRIDAY, December 24.

Christmas traveling was never better with the railroads; all the trains are loaded to their capacity and some of them are thrown off their schedules.—The percentage of cures of patients at the Morganton and Central insane asylums in this State has been so large as to attract attention in other States. Morganton has a percentage of 56 and the Raleigh asylum 54. A Massachusetts insanity expert writes here to know if the statistics are accurate.—There are now 102 veterans in the Soldiers' Home here. During the year sixty have been denied admission owing to the inadequate accommodations.—One of the most remarkable conditions existing in the State was recently developed by a member of the Board of Charities. It has been ascertained that in one county the poor were farmed out to the highest bidder at \$2 1/2. The board decided at its meeting here to make a thorough investigation of the matter.—There is another change in the Park Hotel management. Mr. R. V. Highlands, the present manager, severs his connection to-day.—The Academy of Music will close after the 28th. "Never Again" is the last attraction that will appear there.—Almost all the talk among the legal fraternity today was about the railroad commissioner-ship matter. Caldwell and Pearson, who got in without the sheriff's aid last night, were in the office this morning and drew \$500 each from the State Treasury, while the Supreme Court stood by them (Faircloth, C. J., of course dissenting).

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Baltimore, Dec. 23.—Flour inactive and unchanged. Wheat firm; spot and month, 97¢; January, 96¢; 95¢; steamer No. 2 red, 92¢; southern wheat, by sample, 90¢; corn, 50¢; soybeans, 12¢; cotton steady; No. 2 white, 29¢; No. 2 mixed, 28¢; No. 2 yellow, 33¢; No. 2 mixed, in elevator, 32¢; No. 2 white, 29¢; No. 2 white, clipped, 29¢; No. 1 white, clipped, 30¢; Hay in moderate supply and quiet; choice timothy, \$12.00 for large bales. Beef easy; beef hams, \$2.00; pork steady; family, \$1.12; lard firm; western, steam, 15¢; Butter firm; western creamery, 15¢; do, factory, 12¢; Eggs, 22¢; imitation creamery, 13¢; New York dairy, 13¢; do, creamery, 12¢; wholesale, 24¢; fancy prints jobbing at 25¢; Cheese quiet; large, white and colored, September, 8¢; small do, do, September, 9¢; High skims, 6¢; part skims, 4½¢; full skims, 3¢; Eggs firm; New York and Pennsylvania, 21¢; western, fresh, 20¢.

East Liberty, Pa., Dec. 23.—Cattle steady; prime, \$4.00; common, \$3.25; hogs, \$5.00; sheep, \$3.75. Eggs firm; New York and Pennsylvania, 21¢; western, fresh, 20¢.

SATURDAY, December 25.

The supreme Court certainly made things lively during the last week of its session. It piled in important decisions. One of these is that the law requiring all practicing physicians to stand examination and obtain license is constitutional and just.—In the case of the State against Bryant, from Johnston, the Supreme Court has filed an opinion. This is the case which really involves the legality of the revenue act which orders imprisonment for non-payment of tax. Bryant was liable for poll and property tax. The judge held Bryant not guilty, and the solicitor appealed. It was made a test case by consent. The court says a taxpayer may pay any time before the last of November at least, without incurring any penalty or punishment, and that sheriffs, under the provisions of sections 38 of the revenue act, may levy and collect wherever justified reasonably by the facts in the case. In the case in question, it does not appear that the defendant has refused to pay, or that the collector has demanded payment, or that the tax is in danger of being lost. The court therefore sustains the decision of the judge below.

TUESDAY, Dec 23.

It is expected that the commission will take up, either now or speedily, the matter of reducing the railway fares. It is said it was for this purpose mainly that they were appointed.—Otto Wilson, one of the hung up commissioners called on the new ones and said, quite cheerfully and friendly, that he expected the United States supreme court would decide to change the status of things.—To this date 116 life and fire insurance companies are licensed to do business in the State.—A number of people here gave a dinner yesterday to 200 aged negro women, none of whom are under 60 and some over 90 years of age.—The negro, Tom Adkins, who murdered John, Campbell, in Harnett county, is placed in jail at Fayetteville, to keep the angry negroes from lynching him.—It is stated officially that the Baptists of this State expect Dr. Whitsett to resign as president of theological seminary.—J. M. Mewborne, who after December 31st is to be superintendent of the penitentiary, is back from a visit to the State farms at Raanoke. There was not enough labor to pick the immense cotton crop put in. He finds on the Halifax farm that the corn crop is 1,700 barrels and rather poor. On Calcedonia farm No. 2, 800 acres of cotton not touched. He favors dropping the Halifax farm. He finds that all the farms are specially adapted to clover. The gardens are not near large enough. Molasses is bought when sorghum can be easily raised. The cattle turned loose in Halifax, under the infamous act of the last legislature are making inroads on the farm. Mr. Mewborne will have the supervisor keep on the cattle, using trusty convicts on horseback for this work. There are 700 acres in wheat and oats.

MANY THINK!

when the Creator said to woman, "In sorrow shalt thou bring forth children," that a curse was pronounced against the human race, but the joy left by every Mother when she first presses to her heart her babe, proves the contrary. Danger and suffering lurk in the pathway of the Expectant Mother, and should be avoided, that she may reach the hour when the hope of her heart is to be realized, in full vigor and strength.

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