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THE WEEK.

REPORT OF STATE TREASURER.

The report of our State Treasurer Hon. David A. Jenkins, is before us. The entire amount of the State's indebtedness exclusive of special tax and unconstitutional bonds, is \$17,881,045, upon which interest has accrued to the amount of \$5,506,154 85. Of this amount \$3,378,200, was issued before the war and sold by the State or its agents at par for gold or its equivalent, which together with the accrued interest thereon \$2,513,460, make a total of \$10,891,660, as *ante-bellum* debt. This is conceded to be an honest debt of the State as no charge of improper distribution of the funds arising from the sale of this class of bonds has ever been made. The Treasurer estimates the interest (exclusive of special tax bonds) to be raised \$1,406,663 99 per annum. This amount added to the expenses of running the Government will make \$1,900,000 per annum to be raised by taxation.—To this amount add taxes for county purposes, and taxes in towns for municipal purposes, and these amounts with what the holders of special tax bonds propose and we have a tax requiring 2 and 8 1-10 of the real and personal property of the State. The Treasurer thinks the people cannot and will not pay such a tax. He suggests the issue of new bonds for old bonds in such manner as the General Assembly may prescribe. The Treasurer deprecates any action looking to total repudiation. He states that he will resist to the last extremity the suit of the special tax bond holders. The report is an able one. Taken altogether the officers of our Treasury Department are gentlemen of first class abilities. With Hon. David A. Jenkins as Treasurer, D. W. Bain Esq., as chief Clerk, and Aaron D. Jenkins, as Teller, the people's money will be well taken care of, and in them the citizens of North Carolina have faithful sentinels on their financial watch tower.

OUR CITY.—Raleigh this week presents a lively scene. Members of the Legislature, Judges, witnesses, jurors of the Federal Court, members of the Grand Lodge of Masons and hundreds of others are here. The merchants are no doubt having a busy time. The ladies too are here in force. We have a beautiful city, and every body seems to be happy. God bless old North Carolina and every body in it.

Cato Rogers has been sentenced to twenty years in the States' Prison for assault with intent to commit rape. Trial took place at Duplin Superior Court, last term.

SECRETARY OF STATE.—We notice that a proposition has been introduced in the Legislature to allow the Secretary of State an additional clerk. It is known to every one at all familiar with this department of the State Government that its duties are of the most laborious character, and it is almost impossible for the Secretary of State to promptly keep up the business of his office in a proper manner with the force now allowed by law. It not only is not extravagance but actual economy for our Heads of Departments to have competent clerical force. We know the fact that the business of the Secretary of State is such that the services of at least three clerks would not be too much to keep up the records, issue land warrants, and transact such other business as is constantly accruing in the office. We think it is due alike to the Secretary of State and to the people of the State who have business in his Department that one or more additional clerks should be allowed him at once. We hope the proposition may be carried without a dissenting voice.

THE CHAPMAN SISTERS.—On Monday evening last, Tucker Hall was filled to its utmost capacity, to witness the Burlesque Opera of "Little Don Giovanni," as performed by the celebrated Chapman Sisters, Blanche, Ella and Belle assisted by other members of their Grand Burlesque combination. We do not exaggerate when we say that we have never seen the comic Opera better rendered than on this occasion. The piece was interspersed throughout with capital hits, puns, and witticisms; and from the rise of the curtain until the close of the piece, the large audience gave zound after zound of approbation and applause. The Sisters have made a decided hit in Raleigh, and we regret that their engagements prevent them from making a longer stay with us. They go from here we understand to Wilmington, and we really envy our tide water friends, the great treat in store for them during their fair week. We hope the favorites may pay us a visit again soon.

BRADLEY'S ENAMEL PAINT.—In another column will be found an advertisement of C. P. Knight, General agent for the sale of Bradley's Patent Enamel Paint. This paint is coming into general use in all parts of the country. It is made from the purest white Lead, Linseed Oil and Zinc; and for cheapness and durability, it surpassed all other paints used. It can be purchased already mixed for use and any color desired can be obtained. The price is only \$2.50 per gallon and one gallon will cover 20 square yards two coats. We invite special attention to the recommendation of Prof. W. G. Simmons of Wake Forest College, who has tested this paint on the college building at that place. Our people who have houses to paint, cannot do better than give this paint a trial.

GOOD DINNERS.—Blair of the National and Blackball of the Yarbrough treated their friends to an Extra Dinner on Thanksgiving Day. We understand that most of the editorial fraternity of the city, were among the lucky guests.—Editors are generally a hungry set and we have no doubt they cleaned the tables at both Houses. As we (the local) were not expected, we didn't go.

MINSTREL TROUPE.—Williams and Woods Minstrel Troupe will give entertainments in Metropolitan Hall on Thursday and Friday evenings Dec. 4th and 5th.—admission 50 cents and 25 cents.

THANKSGIVING DAY.—Last Thursday being appointed by the President of the United States and Governor of North Carolina as a day of Thanksgiving, should have been observed by all of our people as such. The public offices, banks and a few others did suspend operations during the day, but outside of these we could hardly perceive any difference between this day and others. It seems to us that our business men should come to some understanding among themselves in regard to the observance of National Holidays. Every man seems to wait for the other and if one keeps open and transacts business another thinks he can with equal propriety do the same. If our Thanksgiving days are to be no better observed in Raleigh and elsewhere than the one just passed, it seems to us a perfect farce to have such a law on our statute books as requires His Excellency to issue any proclamation at all. We think our people should at least spare one day for devotional thanks to Almighty God for his kindness to us as a people.

HAY CROP.—A gentleman living a few miles from New-Berne on the A. & N. C. Railroad has raised this year 150 tons of excellent hay upon 100 acres of land. It is said that the profit upon one hay crop in that portion of the State will more than pay for the land upon which it is raised. One hundred and fifty tons of hay is worth sixty bales of cotton and can be produced at one-fourth the expense. Our farmers would do well to look into these matters. We have no doubt that many would do better to plant less cotton and more cereals, grasses, &c.

EXCITED.—We hear that the people in the mountains of Burke and Mitchell counties, are much excited in anticipation of war with Spain. The Hickory Press says that ex-buskhackers of the late war are already seeking their old dens and caves. A gentleman travelling through the country lately came near losing his life, as he was taken for a recruiting officer.—We beg our mountain friends to hold on awhile. It is time enough to get excited when the *Dons* pass our Raleigh Fortifications. Even if they pass Raleigh we know that our gunboats on Enoe River near Hillsboro can stop them. Keep cool.

THE ARMSTRONG MYSTERY.—On Sunday morning last Mr. John Armstrong received a dispatch stating that the body of his missing brother had been found floating in North River.

Mr. Armstrong left on Monday morning for New York. We have not learned any particulars of the finding of the body. As it was found in North River, it is fair to presume that Mr. Armstrong's brother, must have crossed over East River to New York, after voting on election day, and was either murdered and thrown into the River, or committed self destruction.

COUNTERFEITERS.—At the late Term of the Federal Court held at Asheville N. C. the following counterfeiters were convicted and sentenced to the Albany Penitentiary for two years with a fine of \$2,000: J. Baker, Ashe county, Dr. L. P. Blackburn, Mitchel county, A. M. Cabel, Graham N. C., R. L. D. Burchfield, Swayne county, D. Frazier, Mitchell county, J. H. Lewis, Graham, Henry Butler Mitchell, J. S. Hide, Graham.

Another large body of English settlers are on their way to Warren county.

FIRES.—The gin house of Dr. Columbus Mills in Cabarrus county, was destroyed by fire on Monday morning, Nov. 24th. Loss heavy. On the same day the kitchen of Capt. Jas. F. Johnston, in Mecklenburg county, was burnt with all its contents. This is the second time this year Capt. Johnston has suffered by fire.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At an election of officers held by Rescue Steam Fire Engine Company on Monday, Dec. 1, the following officers were elected for the year 1874, viz:

Foreman—Robt. H. Bradley.
Ass. "—John R. Ferrall.
Rec. Sec.—D. Reid Upchurch.
Fin. Sec.—A. R. Tenney.
Treasurer—P. C. Hardie.
Hose Dir.—Frank Brennan.
Asst. "—Wm. W. Stillman.

A STRANGE CHARACTER.—Miss Hattie Massie of Madison county, N. C., died a short time since at the age of 65. She was born without arms, or legs, but was possessed of more than ordinary intellect. She could write well and read fluently. At an early age she joined the Baptist church and continued a devout christian during life.

Hon. W. H. Battle and not Kemp P. Battle as stated in our last, revised the State Statutes. We had it right, but the Printers Devil thought it wrong, and in attempting to right the supposed wrong, made the whole thing wrong.

BREAK IN SEWING MACHINE PRICES.—Our readers will be interested to learn that the FLORENCE COMPANY have responded to the general call for lower prices for sewing machines, and will henceforth sell their well-known and superior machines at a reduction of from 30 to 40 per cent, from former prices.

On 21st inst., the barn of Wm. Stone, of Forsythe county, was burned. Two curings of tobacco were destroyed. The fire was doubtless the work of an incendiary. At the same time the mouth of one of Mr. Stone's horses was badly cut.

IN TOWN.—Bernard of the Wilmington Star is in the City in attendance on Circuit Court to answer suit for alleged libellous matter in his paper against a Mr. Griffin of Baltimore.

A New York drummer fell from the piazza of the Stonewall Hotel in Tarboro, on Monday night last.—Severe cut in head and bad bruise the consequence.

On Wednesday 26th, a young man named J. J. Howard, was thrown from his horse on the race tract of Wilmington Fair Grounds, and had his collar bone broken and wrist sprained.

J. C. Allen's grocery establishment in Tarboro has been broken into and robbed of a keg of fine old French brandy and five hundred cigars.

The Goldsboro Fair Grounds and buildings have been sold under foreclosure of mortgage for \$3,500.

The Methodist school at Greensboro has 156 scholars.

Jennie Harris, aged 194 years, died near Rocky River Church, Cabarrus county, N. C., lately.

Rutherford College in Burke county, has 160 students.

Snow eighteen inches deep on Roan mountain N. C., last week.

Several large vessels of late have sailed from Wilmington direct for Europe loaded with cotton. We have never thought any good reason existed why our people should not ship their cotton direct to Europe instead of allowing northern speculators to reap the increased profits—Let us have direct trade.

DARING ROBBERY.—On Tuesday morning between the hours of 3 and 4 o'clock, the residence of Capt. R. T. Fulghum was entered and robbed of \$200 worth of wearing apparel and \$40 in money. The thief had not been captured at last accounts.

NEW OFFICE.—The Telegraph office in this city has been removed to the second floor, front room of Williamson, Upchurch & Thomas' new building.

About 45 Sheriffs have so far settled with the State Treasurer.

Copper ore has been found in Caswell County.

The citizens of Wilmington are agitating the water-works subject.

THE PUREST AND SWEETEST COD-LIVER OIL is Hazard & Caswell's, made on the sea shore, from fresh, selected livers, by CASWELL, HAZARD & Co., New York. It is absolutely pure and sweet. Patients who have once taken it to all others. Physicians have decided it superior to any of the other oils in market.

Statement of the Condition of the WIDOW and ORPHAN FUND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, made to the Secretary of State on the 31st day of Dec., 1872.

The name of the Company is the Widow and Orphan Fund Life Insurance Company. It is located in Nashville, Tennessee.

The amount of its capital stock is \$352,150 00
The amount of its capital stock paid up is \$103,262 50

ASSETS.
Cash on hand and in the hands of agents or other persons, \$17,441 81
92 State of Tennessee bonds per value, \$92,000 00
39 City of Nashville, 38,100 00
2 city of Clarksville, 500 00
2 Wilson county, 500 00
\$131,100 00
Loans on bond and mortgage, being first lien on unincumbered real estate, worth double the amount loaned, \$7,975 00
Debts otherwise secured, 27,327 49
Debts for premiums, 76,888 50
Deferred premiums, 24,423 72
Interest accrued, 8,610 00
All other securities, 252,451 36

Total assets, \$546,217 88
LIABILITIES.
Losses adjusted and not due, \$5,700 00
Losses unadjusted and resisted, 10,000 00
All others claims against the company, 278 95

Total liabilities, \$15,978 95
The greatest amount insured in any one risk, \$5,000 00

STATE OF TENNESSEE,
County of Davidson,
E. D. Farnsworth President, and T. L. Marshall Secretary of the Widow and Orphan Fund Life Insurance Company, of Nashville Tenn., being duly sworn, depose and say that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct statement of the affairs of the said Company; that the said Insurance Company is the bona fide owner of at least one hundred thousand dollars of actual cash capital, invested in State and United States stocks and bonds, or in bonds and mortgages of real estate, unincumbered and worth double the amount for which the same is mortgaged; and that they are the above described officers of said Insurance Company.

E. D. FARNSWORTH, President.
T. L. MARSHALL, Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 22nd day of Nov. 1873.

J. N. H. BASKETTE,
Notary Public.

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Raleigh, Sept. 18th, 1873.