

The Legislature at its approaching session should by all means provide a better and more just revenue and machinery act. Every legislator and fair minded man must admit that all our revenue and machinery acts can be, and ought to be, improved and reformed. And this has been the case for many years.

We are pleased to note that Treasurer Worth, in his next annual report, will call special attention to this important matter and insist upon "a reformation in the manner of listing the property of the State for taxation." He recommends that the next Legislature appoint a board of tax commissioners, whose duty it shall be to get up a new revenue and machinery act. This is a most timely recommendation and we earnestly urge that it be effectively carried out. This board of tax commissioners should not be appointed to report to some succeeding Legislature, but should report to the Legislature this winter, so that the present Legislature may at once enact the proposed new revenue and machinery act.

This important matter has already been too long delayed and should not be delayed two years longer. It is by no means anything new. The Legislature of 1885 enacted a law (chapter 288) authorizing and instructing the auditor "to appoint three competent men as tax commissioners, whose duty it shall be to thoroughly investigate the subject of taxation, and report a bill for listing, assessing, equalization and collection of taxes." The Governor (Seales) appointed as this tax commission three very competent gentlemen—Major John W. Graham, ex-Judge George Howard and Capt. Thomas W. Patton—who faithfully did their duty. They prepared the tax laws of many States, and, after carefully studying them, they prepared a new revenue and machinery act which they reported to the Legislature of 1887. They made many wise and much-needed changes, but all amounted to nothing and their labor was in vain, for the Legislature to which they reported took no action whatever. It is said that not a dozen members of that Legislature even read their report!

One reason, probably, why the Legislature of 1887 took no action on the report of this tax commission was that it was a political party controlled that body, for, while the Democrats had a majority in the Senate, the Republicans and Independents had a majority in the House. But our next Legislature will not have such an excuse, because the Democrats have an overwhelming majority in both branches, and they will be expected to use their majority for the best interests of the State.

The necessity for immediate legislation on this important subject is generally admitted, and is more apparent and pressing now than ever before. The recent examination of witnesses in the suit between the corporation commission and the railroad companies plainly proves the inequality of tax valuations throughout this State. And the many demands that are being made for increased appropriations by the next Legislature, together with the deficit in the treasury, imperatively demand a reform in our revenue and machinery laws, so that more taxes can be collected without increasing the rate of taxation, and the system of taxation be made more equal and uniform.

The census of 1900 shows that the population has increased more in population since 1890 than any other town in this State. Her population in 1890 was 3,317 and now it is 10,635.

Charlotte comes next. Her population in 1890 was 11,557 and now it is 18,091, and ranks next to Wilmington. Raleigh's population has not increased as much as was expected. It was 12,678 in 1890 and is 13,643 now.

Two important church meetings were held in this State last week. One was the Baptist State Convention at Raleigh, and the other was the Methodist Conference at New Bern. The former was more largely attended than usual. As usual, our old countyman, Rev. Dr. E. H. Marsh, was elected president of the convention. One of the most interesting features of the convention was the reading by Rev. Dr. Hulham of a history of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, which held its first meeting in 1832 at Lives' Chapel, in this (Chatham) county. There was quite an interesting discussion about the Convention buying the Biblical Recorder, and a committee was appointed to organize a stock company for its purchase. The next session will be held at Winston.

Bishop Morrison presided at the Methodist Conference at New Bern. A resolution was adopted by a rising vote endorsing the defendants in the Gattis-Kilgo suit, and the character of the plaintiff was passed as in good standing. Rev. J. A. Road and Rev. Geo. B. Webster, former Baptist preachers, were admitted to the Conference and will become Methodist preachers. The Conference will meet next year at Fayetteville.

Washington Letter.

Washington, Dec. 7, 1900.—The Republican leaders in Congress are on their knees to the brewers, begging to be let off with a small reduction in the tax on beer, instead of the entire war tax as demanded by the brewers. All this has been brought about in a week. A week ago the Republican members of the Ways and Means committee refused to even consider a reduction in the beer tax. Since then Representative Babcock, who was chairman of the Republican Congressional committee and knew all about campaign contributions and promises, has succeeded in delivering, in Iowa, who has gone to the Senate, as a member of the Ways and Means committee, and has told the Republican members thereof a few things, as Mr. Haney has also done. Now it is no longer a question of whether there will be a reduction of the beer tax, but of how small a reduction the brewers can be ejected into accepting. The bill as reported from the Ways and Means committee makes a reduction of 40 cents a barrel in the beer tax, but it is not yet certain that the brewers will accept that.

While the Democratic caucus on the Army bill, which was railroaded through the House this week, did not agree upon any party policy in opposing the bill, the Democrats who spoke against the bill in the limited time allowed them were practically unanimous in objecting to the imperial powers given the President, of increasing the regular army from 50,000 to the maximum number provided by the bill, to 100,000 men whenever so disposed and of retaining it at the highest figures as long as he wanted to. The Democrats agreed that it was more power than Congress ever placed in one man's hands and that it should be given to any man. Other objectionable features were pointed out by Democrats, but that is all that they could do. Mr. McKinley's orders had been issued to Speaker Henderson, and of course the bill was passed.

Senator Clay, of Georgia, made a strong point against the ship subsidy bill, now the regular order of business in the Senate, when he compelled Senator Frye, who is in charge of the bill, to admit that if it became a law the annual subsidy of a twenty-one knot ship would be \$504,000. Senator Clay also called attention to the fact that the ten and twelve knot ships which carry the agricultural products of the country will not receive more than one-third of the subsidy provided for the fast passenger vessels which carry no agricultural products. Senator Vest offered an amendment to the bill repealing all laws prohibiting the purchase of foreign built ships for use in the foreign carrying trade of the United States or imposing taxes or restrictions upon such, and giving American citizens the right to purchase vessels anywhere and for any purpose and to have them registered as ships of the United States.

Senator Tillman got a bill through the Senate without opposition, appropriating \$75,000 for a Government building at the Interstate and West Indian Exposition, to be held at Charleston, S. C., Dec. 1, 1901 to June 1, 1902, and \$250,000 to aid the furtherance of the exposition. It is understood that the revival of the grade of vice-admiral, recommended for in the bill introduced by Senator Hale, is to make a place to which Rear Admiral Sampson can be promoted by Mr. McKinley. Rear Admiral Schley has many warm friends in Congress and they may have a word or two to say about this scheme before it gets through.

exhibited in the political world are trying to reconcile Mr. McKinley's words with his acts. In the closing paragraph of his message were words which read like a patriotic warning to Congress not to be led into making extravagant appropriations just because there was a lot of money in the Treasury, and now Mr. McKinley is using all his power to drive objecting Bourbonian Senators into the support of one of the most extravagant appropriations ever before Congress—that for ship subsidies which will put millions into the pockets of the already rich owners of the fast mail and passenger steamships and next to nothing in the pockets of those who own slow freighters, which carry our manufactures and products.

With the talking of the veto in the House on the Olemarzarine bill one of the longest and most bitter fights that ever took place in the House, in which there was no partisan politics, was brought to a close, although it will doubtless be renewed in the Senate.

Senator Pettigrew, reminded the administration that he was still in the ring, and that he had heard about the suppressed report of the expert accountant on the steedings in Cuba, by offering a resolution calling for any additional information that had been received by the Government about Cuban finances. The resolution was sent to the committee on Relations with Cuba, to die.

A Fatal Powder Explosion.

A terrible explosion occurred at Jackson the early part of Northampton county, Monday evening about 6 o'clock, completely demolishing Matt. E. Edwards' store and killing Edwards and his 5-year-old son, Winery. There was only one other person in the store at the time, about 18-year-old son, who escaped with slight injury. This boy, says his little brother was playing about a keg of powder just received that was on the counter, and it is supposed that the child struck a match on or about the powder. Timbers were blown hundreds of feet into the air and fell some distance from the building destroyed. The shock to the town was terrific. The scattered timbers were set on fire but were soon extinguished.

No one can reasonably hope for good health unless his bowels move once each day. When this is not attended by disorders of the stomach, anorexia, biliousness, headache, dyspepsia and phlegm follow. If you wish to avoid these ailments, see your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, when required. They are necessary to take and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by G. R. Pilkington.

Cotton seed, which was considered a few years ago a waste product, is worth this year to the growers more than fifty millions of dollars. And it is now being demonstrated that even the hulls of the seeds, which have heretofore gone to waste, are equal to and cheaper than wood pulp for paper.

While hunting on Thanksgiving day, Mr. Jas. A. Harrison, of Whitesboro, accidentally shot Mr. J. B. Richardson, Jr., and James Richardson, but their wounds are not serious.

Rev. Livingston Johnson, of Greensboro, has been elected corresponding secretary by the Baptist State Convention to succeed Rev. John E. White.

Capt. A. E. Lassiter, a freight conductor on the S. A. L., was accidentally run over and killed by a locomotive at Henderson on last Monday.

The Clerk's Annual Statement.

Annual statement of funds in hands of R. H. Dixon, clerk Superior court of Chatham county. "E" 930, Rec'd. of J. A. Womack, Jan. 10, 1895, for R. H. Brooks, D. S. \$120, for J. M. McBride, D. S. 600. June, 29th, 1895, Rec'd. from G. A. Thomas, Esq., of G. W. Seymour for Robt. and Georgiana Seymour, each 500. (\$1,000). "D" 419, Dec. 11, 1895, rec'd. from Jno. D. Wicker for Yarrowburgh & Sheppard \$120.52. "E" No. 2, Rec'd. at sundry dates from Fred Armstrong for E. A. Atkins, Const. \$100, for J. L. Currie, Sheriff, \$100, W. A. Currie, D. S. \$200. "E" 136, April 28, 1898, rec'd. from Atlas Edwards for E. W. Atwater \$130, E. W. Wright, 310, E. M. Farrington, \$160, E. Young, 310, E. A. Hamlet 200. "F" 387, Feb. 1, 1898, rec'd. of S. M. Holt, ex-c. s. c. for heirs of Albert Lambert, \$19.56, for heirs of Fanny Lambert, \$16.21, for E. E. Iola, L. V. and M. L. Coggin, each, 500. (\$2,500), Ella Austin, \$570, Sammie Lambert, \$5.70, Nettie Lambert, \$5.70. "F" 429, Sept. —, 1898, rec'd. of J. F. Alston—state vs. chas. Lassiter, for John Lambert, \$330, E. F. Watkins, 330. "E" 432, Mar. 23, 1898, rec'd. of E. M. Farrington, for G. W. Teer, D. S. 300, E. N. Crumpler, 300, E. S. 300, J. M. Fichet, D. S. 300, E. W. Atwater, J. E. \$1.20. "F" 516, Jan. 28, 1898, rec'd. from

T. L. Phillips, admr. N. B. Phillips for Richard Phillips, Noxy Phillips, Emma Phillips and John Phillips, each, \$8.19 (\$32.80). "F" 523, rec'd. at sundry dates from L. F. Baldwin, Admr. for nona Pearson, \$8.53. "E" 575, Sept. 12, 1898, rec'd. of L. F. Baldwin for T. V. Hall, \$3.84, C. S. and E. A. Mass jointly \$3.84. Aug. 9, 1898, rec'd. from T. N. Caldwell, com'r., for George and Albert Cross, jointly, \$11.72 (from sale of land). May 31, 1898, rec'd. of H. T. Chapin, Admr. for Wm. Marks' heirs \$6.33. at sundry dates, rec'd. from Bill Andrews for W. A. Check, 300. "F" 210, rec'd. of H. A. London for Robert and Isabella Jordan, jointly, \$23.14. "F" 252, rec'd. of Moss Matthews, rec. 1898, for J. W. Meadams, \$1.25. "F" 338, July 31, 1898, rec'd. from J. W. Scott for M. J. McManey \$1.20, Jno. I. Currie 600, E. M. Correll \$2.80. "F" 403, Dec. 20, 1897, rec'd. of H. T. Chapin, Admr. for Charlie Johnson \$6.66. "F" 526, Feb. 8, 1898, rec'd. of J. B. Millard, Admr. for T. T. Millard, Maggie Millard, Grace Phillips, each, \$3.54. "F" 567, May 12, 1899, rec'd. of H. T. Strong for C. G. Petty, \$1.50. "F" 548, Feb. 18, 1899, rec'd. of Calvin York for C. N. Middle 500. "F" 628, Sept. 19, 1899, rec'd. of T. M. Myman for J. B. Millard, 300. "F" 461, Feb. 21, 1899, rec'd. of R. T. Smith, Admr. for Lenetta Smith, \$23.95. "F" 689, June 3, 1899, rec'd. of J. B. Johnston for South check, \$2.50. "F" 690, Jan. 9, 1899, rec'd. of H. A. London for E. G. Martha, J. Ely, E. A. A. Clara N. and A. W. Straughan, each \$2.45 (\$11.10). rec'd. of J. B. May, executor of Wm. Warden for Warden and outlie heirs, \$28.24. "F" 1113, rec'd. of H. A. London for Manly Cook and others, \$36.18. Aug. 28, 1898, rec'd. of L. F. Baldwin, Admr. for Charles for A. W. King, \$100. \$1.80. Nov. 8, 1899, rec'd. of H. H. Hayes for Sarah Harris heirs, jointly, \$5.90. "F" 752, Sept. —, 1900, rec'd. of J. A. W. Smith for Mae Albright, \$3.30, O. G. Crump, \$3.30. "F" 735, Sept. 19, 1900, rec'd. of W. E. Murchison for Waddy McClanahan, \$1.10, J. M. Garner, \$1.70. "F" 736, May 7, 1900, rec'd. of Willie Whittington for J. J. Johnson, \$1.00. "F" 738, May 7, 1900, rec'd. of J. L. O'Hallam for J. P. Court, \$2.15. "F" 753, rec'd. of a H. Sharpe, May 25, 1900, for S. H. Hines, \$5.80. "F" 787, Sept. —, 1900, rec'd. of Charles Spivey for M. H. Hall, \$2.50, A. W. Wicker, J. P. 600, J. J. Johnson, \$1.00. "F" 788, S. rec'd. of H. A. London for H. Perry, 200, Chas. Mattis 600, J. B. Hines, 600. Feb. 19, 1900, rec'd. of Benjamin Andrew, Admr. for T. T. Andrew, for Benjamin Andrew, \$121.90. Apr. 13, 1900, rec'd. of L. F. Baldwin, Admr. for A. Andrews on deposit, \$150.00. Oct. 8, 1900, rec'd. of a W. Holt, guardian for Holt heirs, \$72.00. Oct. 1900, rec'd. of J. R. Lane, guardian for John Brewer, who married Mary Brewer, \$75.57. Oct. 29, 1900, rec'd. of H. H. Hayes and J. A. Giles, commissioners, \$200.00 held subject to judgment of court in Griffin vs. Gwyn et als. Apr. 17, 1900, rec'd. of a M. H. Brock for heirs of Jack Pearson, \$18.42 and for William Asley a minor, \$9.14, from sale of Pearson land. rec'd. of S. M. Holt, at sundry dates, as receiver for Wm. and Samuel Forrester, \$102.00 which is invested in county bonds at 6 per cent. interest. Mar. 1, 1895, rec'd. of S. M. Holt, as receiver for Lemuel Clark and Vance Clark, \$195.02, \$100.00 of which is invested in bonds secured by mortgage deed at 6 per cent. interest and \$90.00 is invested in county bonds. Rec'd. of S. M. Holt, and R. H. Beavers, at sundry dates as receivers for Jessie Beavers \$56.00 of which \$50.00 is invested in 6 per cent. interest-bearing bond secured by mortgage on real estate. Dec. 5, 1895, rec'd. of S. M. Holt, as receiver for Jennie Mann and Lula Mann 100.50 of which 90.00 is invested in 6 per cent. interest-bearing bond secured by mortgage deed executed by Thos. W. 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