The Chatham Record.

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H. A. LONDON, Editor.

THE General Assembly of North Carolina convened in the State Capitol, at Raleigh, yesterday.

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant-Governor Reynolds, and the roll of the Senators-elect being called nearly all were present and were sworn in. Mr. A. J. Maxwell, the editor of the Rockingham Anglo-Saxon, was elected principal clerk and Capt. James R. Smith, of Fayetteville, was re-elected principal doorkeeper.

The House was called to order by Mr. Brevard Nixon, the principal clerk of the last House, and members were duly sworn in. Hon. Walter E. Moore, of Jackson county, was elected Speaker, and Mr. Nixon was re-elected clerk.

There were not as many candidates as usual for the Legislative offices.

It will be several days before the various committees are appointed, and no important business can be done until then.

THE white people of North Carolina are doing their full duty in paying taxes for the education of negroes, as is shown by the recently published official report of Hon. C. H. Mebane, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. According to this report the white people paid last year $576,577.22 on property and polls for public school purposes, and the colored people paid $76,772.05, which is half a million dollars less than the taxes paid by the whites. In the apportionment of the public school fund white and colored children share alike—the children of each race receiving the same amount per capita. Superintendent Mebane says that the "negro race has received over three times as much as it paid in."

With these official figures, which cannot be controverted, we repeat the assertion that the white people of North Carolina are doing their full duty in paying taxes for the education of negroes. And yet they receive no credit or thanks for so doing. It is no wonder then that many white people, while willing to pay more taxes (if necessary) to educate white children, are not willing to pay more taxes for educating negro children.

Few persons are aware of the amount now paid in North Carolina for public school purposes. According to Superintendent Mebane's report the amount paid last year was over a million dollars, the exact figures being $1,018,143-61. This is twice as large an amount as was required some years ago for all the expenses of our State government, and shows what progress our State is making in removing the stain of illiteracy.

THE cheekiest thing that we have read lately is an editorial in a Republican paper warning the people of North Carolina against Democratic extravagance in the administration of our State government. It is like Satan rebuking sin, and any Republican talking about Democratic extravagance in North Carolina must have the cheek of a government mule.

The only time that the Republicans have had control of every department of our State government was from 1868 to 1870, and never in our State's history has there ever been such wasteful extravagance as was during those two years. Not only was Republican rule in North Carolina conspicuous by its unprecedented extravagance, but was disgraceful by its many frauds and open corruption. No man can deny this, and yet a Republican paper now warning the people that they may now "look for an era of extravagance, the like of which has never been known in the State!"

The Democrats pay the bulk of the taxes that defray the expenses of our State government, and therefore they are more interested in saving every expense than the Republicans, the majority of whom are negroes who pay very little tax. And, if the Democrats should be extravagant like the Republicans were, they would be extravagant with chiefly their own money, whereas the Republicans were extravagant with the money chiefly paid by Democrats!

THE Board of Aldermen of Raleigh, on last Friday night, adopted an ordinance to fine any person one dollar for spitting on the sidewalk in that city.

The adoption of this ordinance just the week before the Legislature met is very significant. Doubtless it was from fear that our law-makers from all parts of the State might spread deadly diseases at Raleigh by their spitting on the sidewalks. It is to be hoped that they will have the change convenient, when they forget and spit, and that none will have to be put to work on the streets to pay their fines!

Severe Cold in Europe.

London, Jan. 6.—Severe cold has suddenly set in throughout Europe. In England it is accompanied by a northeasterly wind, amounting to a gale over the channel. At Dover a boat was capsized, four persons being drowned and probably other accidents will be reported. On the continent the weather is still more severe. Snow has fallen as far south as Naples, and in St. Petersburg the cold is so intense that the police in the streets have had to be frequently relieved and the schools to be closed. At Moscow the temperature is 30 degrees below zero. Tremendous gales are blowing over the Adriatic. Terrible blizzards are reported from Austria and southern Russia, extinguishing signal lights and resulting in the derailing of the Orient express at Altpazua. The storm caused a collision between passenger trains at Mikola, near Szatmar, Hungary, six persons being killed. Nine people were frozen to death on the high road in Transylvania. Odessa is completely snow-bound. The harbor is frozen over and trains are unable to [illegible] or leave [illegible] of the drifts.

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Omaha, Jan. 7.—The [illegible] annual banquet of the Jacksonian Club of Nebraska was held at the Millard Hotel tonight. Wm. J. Bryan responded to the toast "Democracy," and Senator Benjamin R. Tillman spoke on "The Democratic Party, Its Duty and Destiny." There were 500 enthusiastic banqueters present.

Mr. Tillman paid his respects to ex-President Cleveland, whom he said was now trying to "come forward and save the party." He said he refused to compromise [illegible] it was [illegible] to say what should be the [illegible] of the [illegible] years [illegible] one [illegible] attempt to now say what should be the policy of the party in 1904. "Our destiny," said he, "must be defined by the principles which have guided the party since its formation."

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The Penitentiary Self-Supporting.

Raleigh Correspondence of Charlotte Observer.

In an interview with E. L. Travis, chairman of the penitentiary executive board, he informed me that the penitentiary is now self-sustaining; that there is no profit because about $5,000 was expended on permanent improvements; that the penitentiary is in better shape in all respects than ever before; that there will be turned over to the new management $100,000 in cash assets, besides enough of food supplies for this year, including half a million pounds of hay, 10,000 pounds of pork, etc. Senator Travis declared most positively that the State would not be called on for a penny of appropriation for the penitentiary for 1901-2, and that if the management was good would need nothing in that way during Governor Aycock's administration, or in fact at any time in the future.

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North Carolina Newspapers.

From The Raleigh Times.

The Labor Commissioner has completed his list of the newspapers in North Carolina. There are 284, of which 28 are daily, 181 weekly, 14 semi-weekly, 39 monthly, 29 semi-monthly, 5 quarterly, 1 semi-annual, 1 annual. There are 135 Democratic, 19 Republican, 26 independent, 3 Populist. As to religion there are 11 Baptist, 8 Presbyterian, 4 Episcopalian, 2 Christian and 1 each of all the other denominations. There are also 6 religious papers of no particular church. There are 2 Masonic, 1 Odd Fellow, 1 Pythian, 3 each of literary, medical and Agricultural; 1 each of poultry, textiles, athletics, labor unions, law etc. Of all the papers 18 use typesetting machines, and 93 use patent matter.

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Lynching in Florida.

Madison, Fla., Jan. 4.—Two colored men, Jim Denson and a half brother, were taken last night about 10 o'clock from the county jail here, by persons unknown, carried into the woods about a half mile from town and hung. The bodies were also riddled with bullets. They are the persons who a few weeks ago were charged with the killing of Frederick Redding, a farmer residing in the northern part of this county. They fled to Georgia, were arrested, brought back to this State and confined in the Leon county jail.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, Jan. 4, 1901.—How thoroughly Senator Hanna dominates the Republican steering committee of the Senate is shown by the threats of a cloture rule for the Senate, if there is any attempt to filibuster against the ship subsidy or the Army reorganization bill, that have come from that committee since Congress convened. Whether those threats can be made effective will depend largely upon the backbone exhibited by Republican Senators who are opposed to both bills. It is expected that before the Army bill is voted upon a Democratic substitute providing for a continuance of the present strength of the army for two years from the first of next July will be offered.

The reapportionment bill is being made the basis of a warm contest in the House, in which political lines are not drawn, but most of the Democrats are supporting the substitute for the committee bill, which slightly increases the representation of a few States and reduces that of none.

General expression of suspicion of the motive in delaying action on the Nicaragua Canal bill has brought out a statement from prominent Republican Senators that action will not be taken for at least a month, because of the desire to show England the courtesy of allowing it that much time to act upon the amended Hay-Pauncefote treaty. According to the same authority, the bill will be called up early in February and passed. That, however, doesn't seem to be the opinion of the president of the Panama Canal Co., who is in Washington, as he has publicly said that he considers his company still has a chance to sell out to the United States, which he pretends that it isn't at all anxious to do, as it can sell to England, France and Germany or any of them. Whether this [illegible] nothing or [illegible] [illegible] amendment [illegible] [illegible] the Senate [illegible] will [illegible] become apparent.

Not even a majority of the Senate can get at that interesting document generally spoken of as the Lawshe report, being a detailed statement of the [illegible] found in the handling of Cuban money by an expert accountant. Instead of answering the Senate resolution calling for this report Secretary Root went to Mr. McKinley for assistance in burying the report so deep that the Senate cannot dig it up for its contents to create a sensation. In order to render this assistance Mr. McKinley will take advantage of his authority to decline to make public any document which in his discretion would be best kept secret. There is no way that the Senate could force the President to make public this document, even were a majority disposed to try. But the fact that so much trouble has been taken to suppress this report and that Mr. A. L. Lawshe, the man who made it, has been given a big place in the Philippines, apparently to get him out of the way, shows that the revelations made by the report must be many times worse than the publication of the Neely stealings in Cuba.

Gen. Miles has a few facts in his possession about embalmed beef that have never been made public, but which may be included in the answer that he will make in his own time to ex-Secretary Alger's new attack on him. Speaking of the matter, Gen. Miles said: "Mr. Alger, by publishing a book and by the use of the public press in dealing with facts connected with the Spanish war, has laid himself open to reply by any army officer who is in any way affected by the statements made. While I have not yet fully decided on the course I shall pursue in the matter, it is very likely I shall at some future time put on record a few facts which it will be impossible to whistle down." The administration has such a dread of what Gen. Miles may say that veiled threats of removing him from the command of the army if he replies to Alger have been made. Mr. McKinley, as all the world knows, would welcome an excuse to humiliate Gen. Miles, and since the Senate Military committee adopted the [illegible] Gen. Miles on army reorganization in place of what was known as the Root plan—prepared by Gen. Corbin—Secretary Root would gladly help. For that reason some of Gen. Miles' friends are trying to get him to wait until after his retirement to have his final say.

Dr. Calvin J. Pollock, of Kirksville, Mo., was the inventive early bird in the wee small hours of the new century. He desired to present the first application of the new century for a United States patent, and through the enterprise of his attorneys, C. A. Snow & Co., of Washington, D. C., accomplished his object.

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Mrs. Mary E. Lease has changed her mind about suing her husband, Chas. Lease, for divorce. Mrs. Lease will shortly return to Wichita, quit politics and settle down to domestic life.

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Ex-Gov. Curtis H. Brogden died at Goldsboro on last Friday night, aged 85 years. His death leaves Gov. Jarvis the only ex-Governor now living in this State.

Looted His Own Dispensary.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 5.—F. M. Player, dispenser at Kingstree, was arrested to-day on the charge of malfeasance in office. The dispensary was robbed of a large sum of money, Christmas night. Player told that four masked men had ridden to the dispensary and had forced him to open the safe. It has since been learned that Player was drunk in the dispensary that night, and that he had refused to deposit the money with the county treasurer, as required by law. For criminal carelessness he was arrested by W. H. Holloway.

After his arrest he admitted that he had loaned dispensary money to his friends.

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Wanted to See Simmons.

From the Raleigh Times.

Two Republican members of the Legislature expressed a wish, as soon as they "lit" to see the man who had wrought such great things in North Carolina. "This fellow Simmons." They evidently expected to see an immense man who breathed fire and smoke, wearing a red shirt, and carrying round an arsenal. When they saw the Little Giant and were introduced to him, their surprise at his mild manner was very amusing, and were inclined to think they had been duped and shown the wrong man.

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Good Pay for Whistling.

Special to Charlotte Observer.

Wilmington, Jan. 5.—J. Keener Westbrook, Wilmington's noted whistler, who went to New York some time ago to confer with theatrical managers regarding an engagement by which he could put his unusual talents to profitable use, has closed a contract with the Edison Phonograph Company to whistle for them at $75 a week and with B. F. Keith, the theatrical manager, afternoons at a like sum, making a total salary of $150 a week. His whistling is wonderful. The Edison people were carried away with it and Keith was also enthusiastic in his praise.

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Boy Killed While Hunting.

Special to News and Observer.

Albemarle, Jan. 4.—Two boys, aged about 13 years, sons of Ben Turner and Nelson Carpenter, both negroes, living at Norwood, were out rabbit hunting yesterday, when, not finding any game, they concluded to kill the dog. In some manner the Carpenter boy got between Turner's dog and the gun when it was fired and was killed instantly.

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Killed by Exploding Lamp.

Special to the News and Observer.

Tyron, N. C., Jan. 2.—Alice Smith (col.), while trying to extinguish a lamp Monday night, blew the blaze down in the lamp which burst, throwing oil over her and setting fire to her clothing. After much suffering she died today at 3 p. m., from the effects.

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TWO MEN KILLED BY A TRAIN.

Cumberland, Md., Jan. 7.—T. A. Bradford, assistant mining engineer of the Davis Coal & Coke Co., and Richard Lewis, of Clearfield, Pa., were struck and killed by a train on the West Virginia Central and Pittsburg Railway, this morning.

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NEW STEAMER LINE FOR WILMINGTON.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 7.—A company has been chartered under the laws of South Carolina to operate a line of steamers between this port, Charleston and Georgetown, and intervening points. Three steamers have already been purchased.

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The Cumberland County Dispensary paid to the county school fund and to the city of Fayetteville, last week, the sum of $4,000 making a total of $9,300 paid to these funds within the past twelve months.

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The yearly coinage statement of the Director of the Mint shows that the total coinage of the mints of the United States was $136,599,401, as follows: Gold $99,272,942; silver, $36,295,321; minor coins, $2,031,137.

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The Secretary of the Treasury at the instance of Senator Pritchard has appointed President F. P. Venable, of the University of North Carolina, a member of the commission which meets at Philadelphia February 13, next.

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The car department building of the Southern Railway shops, at Princeton, Indiana, was destroyed by fire last Monday. Loss, $50,000. Origin of the fire is not known.

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During the year just closed only 13 miles of railroad were constructed in this State. Alabama built 192 miles, Georgia 104, Mississippi 126 and South Carolina 173.

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Gov. Russell has appointed Judge Furches as Chief Justice to succeed Judge Faircloth and has appointed Charles A. Cook, of Warrenton, Associate Justice.

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Two car-loads of negroes left Alabama, last week, for the Hawaiian Islands, via San Francisco. They go to take employment on the sugar plantations there.

LAND SALE.—By virtue of an order of the Superior court for Chatham county in the cause entitled J. H. Hamlet Executor vs. Bud Yearrington et als, I will on Saturday, the 12th day of January, 1901, offer for sale to the highest bidder at the court house door in Pittsboro, N. C., a tract of land in Chatham county in Baldwin's township: Beginning at a rock pile and pointers in Americus Yearrington's line running east with his line 25 chains and 54 links to Morgan's line, thence south 15 degrees east 5 chains and 5 links to rock pile and pointers Morgan's corner, thence south 84 degrees east with Morgan's line 7 chains and 20 links to post oak Morgan's corner, thence south 5 degrees east 2 chains to a sassafras Morgan and [illegible] corner, thence south 4 chains and 7 links to stake the Ellis line to 33 chains and 57 links to stake [illegible] corner north 11 chains and 75 links to the beginning, containing about 50 acres. Terms one half cash remainder in six months. Deferred payment to bear interest. This December 10th, 1900.

R. H. HAYES, Commissioner.

Farms for Sale.

That valuable tract of land, three miles south-west of Chapel Hill, formerly owned by the late Miss Mary R. Smith, is offered for sale privately on easy terms.

The tract consists of about 1,000 acres and will be sold as a whole or in lots. Mr. W. C. Cole, who resides on the land, is authorized to negotiate a sale or sales, and will show the land to any person desiring to see it.

Oct. 11, 1900.

KEMP P. BATTLE,
H. A. LONDON,
Commissioners.

LAND SALE.—By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Chatham county, entitled R. B. Morrell, Admr. J. H. Morrell vs. L. L. Murrell, et al., I will, on SATURDAY, the 12th day of January, 1901, at the court house door in Pittsboro, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder a tract of land in Chatham county, N. C., in Williams township, adjoining the lands of R. J. Sears, Morgan Brandon, W. H. Merritt and others containing about 130 acres.

Terms of sale one-half cash, remainder in six months, to bear interest from day of sale.

This Dec. 12th, 1900.

R. H. HAYES,
Commissioner.