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The Republicans will have a majority in the next Senate.

It seems somewhat doubtful that the U. S. & Y. V. R. R. bill will pass the Senate.

The Cincinnati Times-Star thinks the Inter-State Commerce bill will benefit the South whatever may be its effect on other parts of the country.

The Washington Post says: "Nature has endowed North Carolina sumptuously, and all that is necessary to the people to buckle down to it and increase their number of hard day's work. And that we believe they are doing more earnestly and industriously than ever before."

SMALLER CRIMES SAID TO BE DIMINISHING.

Judge Connor is of the opinion that the number of smaller crimes is diminishing in the State. Solicitor Allen says it is the case in the sixth district, which comprehends the counties of New Heister, Lenoir, Duplin, Sampson, Pender, Carteret, Jones, and Onslow. Statistics of crime are wanting by which to institute a comparison between the increase or decrease of crime during the last ten or twenty years, and as the Wilmington Star remarks, "Without these it will be impossible to make a satisfactory comparison and arrive at sure conclusions". While it is easier to convict parties accused of petty larceny and affrays, than it is to meet the demands of justice against those accused of higher offenses, and this fact may be acting as a warning lesson against the commission of smaller crimes, and account for their number diminishing in the State, if such be the actual case.

THE TIMES.

All over our country resounds the cry of hard times, and the scarcity of money outside the money centres notwithstanding the surplus of two hundred and fifty-five million dollars in solid gold, and great masses of silver coin in the U. S. Treasury, a greater amount than any other nation can show. While some believe that the repeal of the Internal Revenue would bring returning prosperity to the country as by a stroke of magic, there are others who attribute the lamentable condition under which trade and agriculture are suffering to the lack of efficient statesmanship on the part of Congress, and the administration. But just such business depression visited our country not less than twice before there was any Internal Revenue. Our country experienced it in the crisis of 1857, and earlier in 1837. We need look no farther for the cause of the existing state of things than to overproduction. Legislation can offer little aid towards removing the cause of this catastrophe. It is the natural result of the laws of production and demand. A similar depression exists abroad to such an alarming degree that the Queen of England issued a commission in 1885 to inquire into the lamentable depression which trade and agriculture in Great Britain have been suffering for many years. This commission have just presented a valuable report in which much important evidence is collected. We feel assured that time will work out its cure in this matter. The Henderson Gold Leaf aptly remarks: "Though we may not be able to detect any material change in our immediate locality, the country is gradually growing in prosperity. Iron and steel industries in general are remarkably active and strong. Prices have advanced in one year \$3 to \$4 a ton on pig iron and \$3 on rails. Forty new blast furnaces and twelve rolling mills of large capacity are projected—all of which point to the good times ahead of us."

STATE LEGISLATURE.

Raleigh Jan. 22.—Not much business of general importance transacted.

Jan. 21.—Stafron the contestant from Wilson, was declared to have no cause. The principal feature of the day in the House was the consideration of the Stock Law.

A bill came up to take from the townships in Jackson and Graham counties the right to vote on the question of no-fence was taken up. It does not allow townships to vote on the matter, requiring such elections to be held only by the entire county. It was characterized as a very remarkable bill and was defeated, by a large majority.

A motion was made to reconsider. It was stated that the matter had been made a political issue in the late campaign. One member said that the mountain counties did not want the stock law. Another member said it was much better to have townships hold such elections than to let counties hold them in the West.

The motion prevailed to reconsider the vote by which the bill was defeated. The counties of Madison, Clay, Mitchell and Henderson were and the bill passed its second reading.

On the third reading the yeas and nays were demanded and the same debate arose.

Mr. Leazar said the bill infringed strongly upon the law allowing local option on the no-fence question, and on other questions also. Some townships in a county might need such a law, while others might not. This bill does not allow townships any right of local option. The passage of such a bill is a dangerous precedent. The law allowing townships to vote is just; the passage of this bill denies the people a sacred right. Such a principle is sound for both parties, because it is for the people.

The amendment including Madison county was thereupon withdrawn, and so was that for Mitchell.

Mr. Macon, Republican, said he was in line with Mr. Leazar and believed in local self-government. That he considered it the great issue in politics now. There were several allusions by speakers to the county government question. (The bill to repeal that law comes up as to-morrow's special order.) A vote was finally taken on the bill on its third reading and it was defeated by an overwhelming vote.

THE THIRTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT. A resolution of inquiry as to whether this district was composed of contiguous territory was taken up, with a report that the district was not composed of contiguous territory, but that the matter could not be remedied.

THE WAKE STOCK LAW. The bill to repeal the stock law for Wake was taken up, with majority and minority committee reports; the former favorable, and the latter that it was a matter which should not be considered separately, but should come up in an omnibus bill in regard to the stock law in the various counties.

Jan. 25.—In the Senate the bill to amend the Code increasing the salaries of Superior Court Judges and prevent them from using free passes on railroads came up on second reading. A substitute was offered proposing to allow them \$500 per annum, payable quarterly, for travelling expenses, and to prohibit them from accepting free passes. A motion to table prevailed—yeas 30, nays 14.

The Repeal of the county government act occupied most of the attention of the House.

Jan. 25.—The Judiciary Committee reported adversely (unanimous) a resolution offering a reward of \$700 for W. L. Bingham.

A resolution to amend the law so as to allow the Governor to increase the reward for criminals in extraordinary cases to \$1,000, was referred. The bill to exempt industries from taxation for five years was made the special order for next Wednesday.

In the House Sutton introduced a resolution, which was read and placed on the calendar, in opposition to a renewal of the lease of the North Carolina Railroad to the present lessees.

The following bills were introduced. To appropriate \$7,000 for rebuilding the quarantine hospital at Price's Creek Brunswick county, and for building a wharf and making other improvements there.

To prevent the spread of hog cholera. To reduce the fees for marriage licenses.

To suspend the statute of limitations in certain cases.

The one crop idea must be abandoned before ever the people of the South can become the prosperous, happy and contented people that they can become. Nature has done so much for us—we have done so little. Let us meet nature half way and use the soil for the production of the things that it is so well adapted to. Bankruptcy stares us in the face unless we change our mode of farming.—Wilson Advance.

STATE NEWS.

No snow has fallen in Wilmington this winter.

There are 3,000 insane people in North Carolina according to Dr. Griscom.

Yadkin Valley Views: We have four smoking tobacco factories in Mount Airy and one cigar factory.

Graham Glens: Mary Macon, a minister among the Friends, is holding a series of Meetings in Union church at Company Shops.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean: E. W. Gurley, of Hendersonville, North Carolina, has been awarded the first prize, \$250, by the New York Tribune, for the best true story of the war. L. E. Steadman, the poet-banker, was the judge whom were referred the stories.

Henderson Gold Leaf: The sales of tobacco in this market last year were largely in excess of those for the year previous. The report of the Board of Trade will show that between 8,000,000 and 9,000,000 pounds were sold on our warehouse floors during 1886.—The last cold snap is said to have injured the small grain crops in our county very seriously. The two last past wheat and oat crops were sad failures, and our farmers are now feeling the pressure perhaps more than at any time since the war.

Shelby Aurora: In the county of Cleveland lives a parsimonious, honest and industrious pair, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hamrick. They have lived together half a century, yet never bought a pound of bacon or a bushel of corn, never goin' into debt and always have potatoes to sell. This pair furnished thirteen sons for the Confederate service and have had twenty-three children, twenty of whom are now living.

Raleigh News-Observer: The Messrs. Aiken made things lively and sold a two-horse load of tobacco belonging to Mr. R. J. Holm for \$616.55.

The joint committee on State printing met in the library yesterday evening, full committee present, and unanimously voted Josephus Daniels, of the Chronicle, printer to the State. A contract was signed and bond filed in the sum of five thousand dollars.

Baltimore Manufacturers Record: At Egypt in Chatham county, a Pennsylvania company has purchased a large area of this field and propose to begin operations there in the early future. They will begin by supplying local demands and to gradually broaden the business. There are also other parties contracting for the Ore Hill Iron Mine near, for the purpose of operating largely. It is expected that they will erect blast furnaces and conduct the work on a large scale.

Goldboro Messenger: A good trucking season in this section is anticipated. One ground for this hope is the severity of the early winter. Weather, however is a very uncertain element in any calculation. Nevertheless we hope that the brightest hopes of our truckers will be realized.—Mr. W. T. Lane has succeeded in locating several families of industrious Germans on his farm near Pine Level. They came to him direct from Germany. He is much pleased with them, and they appear to be satisfied and expect others of their countrymen over with means to purchase lands.

There was an enthusiastic and harmonious meeting of the citizens of Greensboro on Thursday night, Jan. 27th, to consult and determine as to the advisability of passing an act of the General Assembly authorizing the city to issue bonds for the improvement of the streets, building water works, a Graded school house, &c. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted: 1. That it is the sense of this meeting that the town issue bonds to the amount of \$1000,000 for the public improvements.

2. That a committee of five be appointed to procure the proper legislation to effect this purpose. Charlotte Chronicle: The Chronicle some weeks ago gave a sketch of the proposed extension of the Pennsylvania Railroad South, through Monroe to Atlanta, and it now begins to look like this is not altogether a railroad on paper. Mr. F. A. Olds, writing from Raleigh to the Richmond Dispatch, gives this piece of news in regard to the new movement, and it will prove interesting reading to the people of Charlotte: "The Georgia, Carolina and Northern Railroad Company has been duly incorporated by the Legislature of this State. There are three corporations which are to be consolidated in this great one. The directors meet at Monroe, N. C., February 1st—that is those on the part of the North Carolina corporations. Four corps of engineers are now in the field and rapidly locating the road from Atlanta, Ga., to Monroe, N. C. It may yet become a part of the sea board system from Baltimore to Atlanta."

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