pondence of The Observer. Raleigh, Dec. 20.—The year now most ended has been one very full progress and development for orth Carolina. Your correspondent has traveled much and has seen the State literally from end to end and in a way, reflect the progress of the State. That of education tells it very State Superintendent Joyner, as he

the South has more industries and has them scattered so well as to after a people. To the writer it seems that

MUST EQUALIZE TAXATION. cases were thinking about axe-grinding and all sorts of local busi-ness and unable to take a compre-which is yet before the Raleigh pu hensive view of things. That is the trouble and has nearly always been with North Carolina Legistaluresit has required so much pulling and hauling to get common-sense things done in a broad-gauge way. I re-member well how the late Dr. Charles D. McIver, of blessed memory, used may be expected not to come up to total the mark yet awhile, but when in these there would be a very great difference if property was properly valued. The fact of it is that a lot of the company of the these there would be a very great difference if property was properly valued. The fact of it is that a lot of the tax assessors are axe-grinders themselves and it is a case of "You tickle me and I'll tickle you." The students is very remarkable to the students is very remarkable being unde in the dry goods market by tickle me and I'll tickle you." The number of regulations has been being unde in the dry goods market by the number of regulations has been being unde in the dry goods market by the number of regulations has been being unde in the dry goods market by the number of regulations has been being under with wall want goods burneliately and the students are ago as to the valuation of property

county. public does not think of one except.

as the politicians say, to "View it with alarm." Public officials dread the session, and the boarding-house The stuffy halls, so badly ventilated, and so crowded, are not attractive places. As a rule one member during a session, from diseasecontracted on the spot-

month one man out of every five have died tells how feeble the old fellows are and how fast they are going Toot to Raleigh, very early in the war to enlist in the 5th regiment, after a large part of that command had been captured at Reanoke Island. He callsted at the old State fair grounds, only a few yards from the Soldiers. He was completing the was completing in the summer and large supplies of the state by coming back to the best states by coming back to the back to ginning, one may say, to spend his last days. After the entertainment the writer took ocamion to speak about this to the inmates, who, to be

of reach it.

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The fact Charlotte for the fact Charlotte. Mention has been made of the fact that Secretary of State Grimes, who is a large farmer in the east, had said that the shortage of the crops this year almost approaches the dimensions of a public calamity in that part of the State. The fact of it is that the state of the that the being the since the war. He was asked if the since the war. He was asked if the specific raised much small grain and with as little delay as possible, and said that some oats were planted.

Charlotte.

The foil boards of the Southern Red Southern Red for the month 2.35.

Accumulated deficiency for month 3.37.

Accumulated deficiency for year 3.38.

Pevalling wind direction. W. J. RENNETT. Observer.

W. J. RENNETT. Observer.

On January 1st, 1907, the Jno. W. Todd Co. will be succeeded by a stock company, under the name of GEM RESTAURANT COMPANY and

vising those who contemplate indulging in that wheat had not been as it had been declared to be cheaper to buy it than to grow it. In the old days a great deal of wheat, rye, oats, barley and other small grains were grown in that section, but customs have changed.

FIGHTING CATTLE TICKS.

State Veterinarian Tait Butler has been on the warpath in Union county, siding the United States experts in igniting the Texas cattle tieks, which are no faist. It is very hard to get a lot of farmers to believe in these things. It is pitiful that it should be the holiday season is growing the state of the season of the long distance, it possible to reach people in almost any city, and at small cost.

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The custom of talking to relatives and friends over the telephone during the trust of the cash.

The custom of talking to relatives and friends over the telephone during the heliday season is growing the helida

worse, contempt of knowledge in others, are hard things to combat. The fact that a number of farmers do not know about these things themselves leads them to think that those who do know are know-nothings. Just think of it; there was sent to the writer the other day a bottle full of what the sender declared to be "blue lice," from an eastern county, these being nothing more or less than the cattle tick, the deadly kind, there being two other kind not fatal. North being two other kind not fatal. North
Carolinians pay a heavy penalty for
ignorance and for lack of belief in
people who really know things.
Governor Glenn faid before the
board of agriculture early in the year

the matter of making an exhibit at Boston and pressed it to a successful can truly say that not in 28 years of newspaper work has, so much been seen in the way of improvement. The towns look better and so do the country roads in many sections; there are which North Carolina has done less, better horses and vehicles; better dressed people, and better behaved ones too, for development is along way, to get the ideas of people as many lines, physical, mental and to what they really want—that is, moral. The State departments here, whether they want help from abroad or not-but the result has been very unsatisfactory. The people who could plainty. When newspaper men en-be heard to say they never saw the ter there they get a bright smile from Labor Problem so serious and who expressed a desire to get servants and tells them of new schoolhouses, special taxes for schools, and of other wital educational movements. It is clais who sought to ascertain what a new world in a good many ways. Then in the office of the Secretary of of them were wanted. The fact of it Then in the office of the Secretary of t

of assistants have to devote their time to corporations, there is also the story, written very boldly and plainly, of the State's growth and advancement in an industrial way. In the matter of cotton mils the year has been marked by great progress. The state Labor Commissioner has visited those which failed to give information desired and he is compiling figures which will show the facts as to these and also as to manufacturing in general. Georgia may lead North Carolina in manufacturing and South Carolina has bigger mills and perhaps more spindles, but it is much to be doubted whether any State in the South has more industries and

ford employment over so great a people. To the writer it seems that portion of the State and in such va- Governor Glean was imposed on in ried character. A man who travels the matter of "Bud" Abernethy, From all the time cannot begin to keep up a casual glance at the papers in this with what is going on, for even a case this seems apparent. Most of the few weeks mark notable changes. signatures of the 108 men who signed the petition for pardon are written There is no question that a Legislature, sooner or later will have to
equalize taxation in North Carolina.
Here is a county, for example, which
was made of the fact that the parcounty will impose a valuation of double as much. State Auditor Dixon says this is not only unjust but it is disgraceful. It is this which brings about a condition of things which is seen here—the clamor for money to carry on the State government. The state of Alabama, for example, which cosn't compare with North Carolina.

Taises \$5,250,000 in taxes annually. doesn't compare with North Carolina.

Taises \$5,220,000 in taxes annually.

The fact that 44 counties in North Carolina and over it is roughly Carolina receive from the State m rothan Carolina receive from the State Rothan Rot tention of the Legislature to inequality in taxation, but no attention has been paid to it—simply, perhaps, because the legislators in a great many cases were thinking about axe.

Japen. During the past few years the legislature to inequality in taxation, but no attention has about this pardon business, requiring about 11%; small 11%.

Sugar steady, trechanged; coarse granusally, almost invariably, attorneys unlated \$5.00, fine \$5.00.

which is yet before the Ruleigh pub-lic and perhaps it is a little nearer solution than heretofore. This much is done—the site is bought and paid for. The owners also own the Academy of Music, which is a good piece of property, large enough for a thea-tre, though not up to date, but of course not large enough for an audi-torium. It has been suggested that to have to worry about getting fueds for that splendld college of his But to go back to the inequality in taxation, the idea of a big county like Cumberland, with one of the finest towns in the State, besides a lot of mills and a great deal of railway millegge, geting \$4.000 a year more from the State than it pays in. Surely the Legislature will take steps to improse on this condition of things. Of course there are some weak counties which there are some weak counties which may be expected not to come up to the mark yet awhile, but when in these there would be a very great ble.

| costly one for nadegn, because it has ments 32 | lost the conventions. A couple of Rosin firm sales 3.546, receipts 2.965; state conventions were held in a shipm up 1.786, stock 87.290. Quote A tolarer warehouse, but the warehouse is 1.8 to 1.

put more upon their honor. An effort in North Carolina, made at the instance of a ggreat railway, which
thought it was being persecuted,
brought out the inequality of texation
and also developed the fact that there
was made to have it a military colin New York are the smallest in 18
seems that the cadets do not want to is relied the fact that there
wear uniforms, this of itself being a tobbing house desirance sales of next was a gross undervaluation in many n was said that a good many of the many large busers are in leading to the first the many n was said that a good many of the many large busers are in lead of any was said that a good many of the The session of a Legislature may dents in the city preferred to have be a joy to the members themselves, them in citizens' clothes and not in though they deny it, but the general uniform. This is a fact much more astonishing and if it had been lated two score, years ago would have been ridiculed. Any way the military feature of the college is a very small and hotel people are perhaps the only character of the college is a very small thing now, the cadets never appearing in uniform execut at drill. It is said in uniform except at drill. It is said, however, that the change has so much gratfiled hem that their deportment has improver 100 per cent, since last nendon:

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES. Out at the Soldiers' Home there the management of the associated the management of the associated are many sick in the hospital these charities here. The writer has secured from the clergymen of the city testimonials which show how excellent the work has been in Raleigh-not only in aiding the needy poor and has been the record this year. Mon-sick, in discriminating and getting day night the writer was out at the hold of the deserving, but furthermore Home, entertaining his old soldier in stamping out of a remarkable ex-friends, and as he was entering the tent street begging in fact the old tent street begging in fact the old tions in this part of the world. eystem of friendly visiting has been clothing, second-hand usually, are laid

SEND GREETING BY 'PHONE.

sure received the new arrival with a very frank heariness. Life at the flow of calling up friends and relatives in distant cities over the long-tives in distance telephone and extending distance telephone and extending them Christmas and New Year them

and said that some oats were planted the Southern Bell Company is ad-for feed, but that wheat had not been vising those who contemplate indulg- the business will be conducted only

The ladies who are so deeply interested in the reformatory movement deplore the fact that the very member of the Legislature who was so bitter against the movement at the last session has been returned. His name need not be recalled, but the women of the State know it well. They find the press of North Carolina is on their side, except, perhaps, one paper, which seems to be opposed to the movement. It is really difficult to understand how any one can opose such an institution. The Legislature will be given a chance to put itself on record, once more on this question.

Liverpool Cotton.

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Liverpool, Dec. 22.—Cotton, spot in fair demand, prices 4 points higher: American middling fair 6.41; good middling 5.92; middling 5.73; low middling 5.55; good ordinary 5.15; ordinary 4.91. The sales of the day were 8.000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 7.700 American. Receipts 40,400 bales, all American. Futures opened quiet and steady and closed quiet. Clossing: December 5.40; December-January 5.39; January-February 5.32; February-March 5.49; Mary-June 5.40; June-July 5.40; July-Angust 5.49; August-September 5.57; September-October 5.28; October-November 5.22.

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The Money Market.

nominal: he leans. Time loans steady, on days 5 to 9 per close Trime hereanthe paper 6 to 61g per cent. Sterling exchange ensier with netual husiness in bankers bills at 483.15 to \$433.20 for demand and at \$477.75 to \$478 for 60 day bills. Posted raiss \$479.5 to \$450 and \$484.5 to \$455. Connercial bills \$477. to \$4774. Bar silver 691g., Mexican dollars 52g. Government bonds easy.

THE WEATHER.

Dec. 22 - Forecast for Washington. Sunday and Monday: Virginia, North Carolina, South Caro-lina and Georgia: fair Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday; warmer Tuesday; light to Eastern Florida, west Florida and Alagrounds met a man just entering the women are about the only beggars hama, fair Bunday and Monday; light women Brooks, it turned out that this was a new immate, from Curricities age and other peculiarities, being better this was a new immate, from Curricities age and other peculiarities, being better the way from that county. Strange to say he had would be reach of any human regularities age and other peculiarities, being better the world. The world the reach of any human regularities are sufficiently age. ermer Morday Western Texas, fair Sunday and Mon-

LOCAL OFFICE U. S. WEATHER.

Rentucky Tennessee, partly cloudy cloudy Sunday and Monday, warmer

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