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TUESDAY, Jan. 18. SENATE—Mr Love introduced a resolution directing the Treasurer to pay no more coupons of bonds of the State issued since July 1st, 1868...

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 19. SENATE—Mr Foraker introduced the following resolution: Resolved, That Sam'l F. Phillips, Thos. Bragg and Rufus Barringer, appointed by the President of this Senate as a Committee under a Senate resolution providing for a committee to investigate Railroad corporations since 1865...

THURSDAY, Jan. 20. SENATE—Mr Beeman introduced a bill to lay a tax on all debts contracted prior to the year 1866. Referred.

FRIDAY, Jan. 21. SENATE—The Militia bill from the House was discussed.

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Our State—Some Suggestions.

During the present week about two hundred colored men have left Eastern North Carolina for homes, or seeking employment, in Georgia, Mississippi and Florida.

Some plan must be devised to keep these people with us, and to induce those who have gone away to return to their native Carolina.

We have, as in former years, large land holders who will neither cultivate the soil, or place it in the hands of those who will; and in this lies the secret of the disappearance from our State, or that class of labor that neither fear the cold nor shirks from the heat of a summer's sun; and if they persist in going away, the open lands now held by those who refuse to sell or rent, will become a vast wilderness of weeds and bushes, and depreciate necessarily in their cash value.

It seems, at this time, a useless waste of argument to prove to our landholders the advantages which they would realize by selling on time to those who will buy, retaining titles until the payment has been made; nevertheless, such is the fact, and there is a lack of shrewdness in those who will not recognize the truth of our position and promptly act in the premises.

We are continually inviting immigration to our State; we tell the world that we possess in the way of climate, soils, minerals and timber; but we fail to tell these emigrants that there is a difficulty existing which will, perhaps, prove detrimental to their success, unless they come prepared to pay cash for the lands they wish to purchase.

It has been suggested that there is a way to stay the fearful exodus which is now going on in this State. If our colored men are not valuable as laborers and as citizens, why is it that they are induced, by the offer of high wages to go south? If they, by their industry, and their physical endurance, can develop the riches of Mississippi and Florida, they can better serve their own native State, to whose climate they have become enured from birth!

Another Senator's wife, who is an invalid, cannot be unware, for no one else is, that her husband has stocked no less than six of his mistresses on the civil service as clerks, and that he adds to the number every session.

Another Senator, a southwest carpetbagger, foisted his mistress on the Treasury Department last year, and was influential enough to have her salary continued while he sent her on to New York to undergo amputation. She died. The Senator himself drew the arrears of pay ostentatiously for the mother of the murdered woman, who has yet to see the first cent of it.

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Meeting of the Stockholders of the A. T. & Ohio Railroad Company.

Held in Charlotte, Wednesday Jan. 19th, 1870. On motion of Capt. S. B. Alexander, the Convention was organized by calling R. F. Simonton, Esq., to the Chair, and appointing C. L. Summers and E. B. Drake, Secretaries.

On motion of President Johnston the meeting adjourned for one hour. Convention re-assembled and the Committee on proxies made their report, which showed that a majority of the stock was represented, 1360 shares by proxy and 1304 in person.

On motion of Gen. Barringer, Capt. Bartwell, Messrs. A. Carson and A. M. Bogle, of Alexander county, were invited to seats in the Convention.

President Johnston took the floor and addressed the Convention at considerable length in explanation of his administration of the finances and affairs of the Company, and assigned reasons why the rebuilding of the Road had been delayed, which appeared to afford very general satisfaction.

After considerable discussion, and difference in opinion, the following resolutions offered by A. B. Springs, Esq., were unanimously adopted: Whereas, We regard the reconstruction of the Atlantic, Tenn. & Ohio Railroad as a matter of the utmost importance to Western North Carolina, and whereas, the credit of the State is so depressed at this time as to render the sale and appropriation of the Bonds loaned by the State for its reconstruction and extension impolitic and unwise; therefore, Resolved, By the Stockholders in Convention assembled, that the Bonds of the State issued to this Company be returned to the Treasurer of the State.

Resolved, That as the means and assets of the Company, after paying its present debts and liabilities, are insufficient to rebuild the Road or even clear fourth thereof to Statesville, that the corporations and citizens of Charlotte and Statesville, and all citizens of Mecklenburg and Iredell counties, and all others, are hereby earnestly appealed to come forward and subscribe to the capital stock of the Company, and that whenever the sum of two hundred thousand additional stock is subscribed, the President and Directors are hereby instructed to put under contract the entire line to Statesville, and build the Road as early as practicable.

Resolved, That if said sum of \$200,000 be not subscribed by the 1st day of November next, that all the debts due by the Company and the Treasurer, be divided pro rata among the Stockholders according to their respective rights. And that the Bonds of the State belonging to the Company be deposited with the National Park Bank of the City of New York, until such time as their return to the Treasurer of the State is deemed proper by the Board of Directors.

On motion of Col. Johnston, Resolved, That the By-Laws which govern the A. T. & O. Railroad Company be adopted by the A. T. & O. Railroad Company.

On motion, the Convention adjourned. R. F. SIMONTON, Chairman. C. L. SUMMERS, Secretary. E. B. DRAKE, Secretary.

Rice. We have received the following Circular direct from Liverpool, and publish it for public information: LIVERPOOL, Dec. 30th, 1869. England, in round numbers, imports some 200,000 tons of Rice per annum at a value of £2,000,000 sterling, or say \$9,000,000 gold!

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Clover as a Renovator.

It is a fact well known to all agriculturists that clover is among the best of all plants for renovating worn-out soils. Why it is better than the grasses, or buckwheat, or any plant that grows rapidly, furnishing in a comparatively short time a large amount of organic matter to return to the soil, is not so generally known.

Some not well acquainted with the laws of vegetable physiology have supposed it was because clover takes directly from the atmosphere a larger proportion of its food than most other plants, and hence less from the soil; in this way not only exhausting the soil less of its plant food, but in reality, bringing from the atmosphere an increased amount of food, which is changed by the plant into organic matter, and by it deposited in the soil.

Were it known that clover does feed upon the atmosphere more, this theory would appear quite plausible. It is a well established fact that plants in general take most of their food from the atmosphere.

A comparison, then, of the inorganic constituents of plants, will furnish the data from which conclusions of the absolute exhaustive effect of different crops may be drawn.

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Of these substances the silica is of least value, because it is always present in soils in large quantities. If we deduct the silica from the amount of all these substances, there remains of the clover ash 66.5 lbs. of the ash of meadow hay 52.9 lbs. Here it is seen that 1,000 lbs. of clover removes from the soil 13.6 lbs. more of the most valuable constituents (those present in smallest quantities) of the mineral food of plants, than does common meadow hay.

The weight of roots in comparison with that of the tops, is also much greater in clover than in the grasses. It has been estimated that at the end of three years after seeding, the weight of the dried roots of clover will be equal to half the weight of dried tops that has been removed away.

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