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### A REVIEW OF THE WORK.

Charlotte Chronicle.

The work of the Legislature of 1891 is before the people. It was distinctly a farmers' and a Democratic Legislature. Democrats of other than the agricultural class were as conspicuously absent as Republicans, and the Farmers' Alliance must equally between them take the responsibility for the deeds done by the body, whether they be good or whether they be evil. It was a liberal-minded body, progressive in its ideas, and though it had niggardly fits these were of short duration and no public interest suffer from legislative close-fistedness. It is stated by the Raleigh News and Observer that the appropriations exceed those of the last Legislature by \$150,000. Mr. Holman, chairman of the House finance committee, says the excess is but \$50,000 to \$75,000. There has cropped out here and there a disposition to criticize the body for having increased expenditures, but people should bear in mind that States do not stand still and that as population increases the demand for increased expenditures increases necessarily. But while the appropriations were increased the tax rate was not—it was left at 25 cents on the \$100. It would seem that there will necessarily be a deficit in the treasury before the next General Assembly meets, but Mr. Holman hopes not, basing his faith in part upon the fact that there will be a new assessment of property this year. It would appear to have been safe, in view of the increased appropriations, to have raised the tax rate to say 28 cents, but Mr. Holman is a safe and careful man in financial matters, and we accept his action in this instance as prudent and right.

The body enacted some notably commendable legislation. We refer particularly to its re-establishment of the geological survey; to its appropriation of \$25,000 for an exhibit of the State's capacities and resources at the Chicago Exposition; to the law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to minors; the law making compulsory the teaching in the public schools of the nature and effect of alcoholic stimulants upon the human system. A former Legislature having established a College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts for white boys, the establishment by this Legislature of a similar institution for the colored race and also of an Industrial and Training School for white girls, followed as a matter of course. The imposition of a tonnage tax on fertilizers for the support of the Department of Agriculture was of course proper and expected. So also was the increase of the school tax to 15 cents. The body dealt in a spirit of liberality with the charitable institutions of the State. The families and friends of those upon whom God has laid his hand, depriving them of sight, hearing or reason, should thank it for this, and those who control these institutions should justify the confidence it reposed in them by increasing their efficiency if possible and by an economical and judicious use of the funds appropriated for their support.

Other important action taken was the re-apportionment of the State in congressional and senatorial districts and the change of law by which each solicitor is hereafter to be elected by vote of the whole State instead of by the vote of his own district as heretofore.

Important measures which failed were the bill to reduce the rate of interest from 8 to 6 per cent, and the bill to pay solicitors salaries instead of by the fee system.

Upon the whole the body was conservative in its action and doubtless meant to do what was right. The darkest blot upon its record is the public printing transaction, and this was not an "original sin." It simply perpetuated a wrong of twenty-five years' standing, but it was made the more conspicuous by the fact that this Legislature went in on the "reform" idea and that a responsible man and one whose party record is unimpeachable made a direct proposition to take the printing at a price 15 per cent. below that at which the contract was given and to furnish a satisfactory bond for the proper and faithful performance of the work—accompanying this proposition with the promise not to reduce the pay of the workmen below that given those who have done

the work for the past four years. It is no defense to say that the new bidder is the creature of a corporation. That is not true and even if it were, or some one else who would have gladly done so should have been given the opportunity to save the State the \$4,000 which has been given to the public printer as a subsidy. The Landmark tries not to be small about these public matters and \$4,000 a year is not much to a great State after all. Moreover, if any one individual is to get it there is no one in the State whom we would rather see have it than our able and genial young friend of the State Chronicle. But is it right?

A fact which needs to be emphasized in speaking of this Legislature and its work is this: that whereas it was elected to "reform" things we find upon its adjournment that it has left things very much as it found them. It has not reduced taxes—it could not do that; it undid nothing material that had been done heretofore, because nothing very wrong had been done. It simply in the main took the course of the other Legislatures we have had for twenty years, which was an admission that its predecessors for that period had managed things pretty well. We do not say these things to belittle the body which has just adjourned, but to point out that the people have been largely misled by clamor into believing that the State needed to be turned inside out. The farmers have for years been sending their most trusted men of all classes to the Legislature. This year they sent their most trusted men, but only of their own class and order, and the results are the same. The lesson in this to the good people of the Farmers' Alliance is, that a policy of proscription towards those who are outside the charmed circle is not always just to the victims nor always necessarily beneficial to themselves.

Married in Person.  
Last Friday's Danville Register says: At Glendore, Person county, N. C., there was a beautiful home wedding yesterday.

Mr. Benjamin Hampton Wade of this city, and Miss Mary Virginia Bass, daughter of Mr. Robert B. Bass of Person county, were the contracting parties. An old-fashioned country wedding dinner was enjoyed, after which, at 4 p. m., the ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Lamberth of Roxboro.

The attendants were Mr. Z. P. Smith and Miss Sallie Faulkner, Mr. J. Cabell Davis and Miss Bettie Wade, Mr. S. H. Price and Miss Annie Wade, Mr. T. W. Woods and Miss Lillie Bolling, Mr. W. H. Bass and Miss Sallie Street, Mr. P. H. Wade and Miss Mollie Bass. Mr. and Mrs. Wade went to Danville by the Atlantic and Danville train and are stopping with Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Preston on Ridge street.

### MARCH.

Light-footed March, wild maid of spring,  
Your frolic footsteps hither stray.  
Smiles blent with tears will April bring—  
'Tis April's sentimental way.  
But your wild winds with laughter ring,  
While young and old you will obey;  
A moment here, then on the wing,  
Coquettish March, what games you play!

I know a maid as blithe as you  
Child of the Ice-King and the Sun—  
At her fair feet fond lovers woo;  
She flouts and jeers them, and them every one;  
And then she smiles—once more they sue;  
Then blows she cold—they are undone;  
Oh, March! could you or she be true,  
Then all were naught, so you were won.

A prominent clergyman gave this description of the life of a minister: "My experience with churches make me think that ministers are cats. When you go to a new place first everybody says: 'Come pussy! come pussy! nice pussy!' and you come. Then they begin to rub your fur and say: 'Poor pussy! poor pussy!' and then they say: 'Scat!'"

The clouds that gather around the setting sun may darken the earth about us and chill our soul's energies; but brightness comes on the morrow with its smiles and delight.

### A Fine Collection of Autographs.

News and Observer.

Mr. C. W. Raney, of Kittrell, was in the city yesterday and in a conversation with him he showed us a most valuable collection of autographs of a large number of Confederate officers which he secured during the war. Mr. Raney was in the office of the Inspector-General during the war and had an opportunity to take the autographs from original official letters which were received at the office and the collection is a very valuable one. He proposes to donate it to the Soldiers' Home and delivered it to Mr. W. C. Symonach yesterday. Mr. Symonach will dispose of the collection and the proceeds will go to the Home. Such a collection ought to bring a good price. It will be very valuable to those who make collections of such things.

### "The Good Old Days"

American Times.

The good old days are what you are whining about? Well do you remember this story of thirty years ago?  
"Waiter," said the Arkansas traveler, "bring down my baggage."  
"What is it sir?"  
"A bowie knife, a pair of pistols, a deck of cards and one shirt."  
Good old days, weren't they?

### She Made Him Sick.

"Now, Jimmy," said a Texas mother to her croupy son, "you just take this ipecac, and I'll say you are the noblest and most intelligent boy in the United States."

"After that I don't think I need the ipecac. What's the use of nauseating me twice?"  
—Texas Siftings.

### Republicanism and the Negro.

New York Sun.

Why are there no negro postmasters at the North? When General Harrison was looking for a suitable man for the Indianapolis postmastership, for instance, why didn't he appoint a colored republican from Fort Wayne or Terre Haute? Was it because he knows that the South is peculiarly averse to carpet-baggers that he didn't appoint a Vicksburg man? Was it because he knows that the white Republicans of Indiana are not fond of the colored citizens, except at a distance and for political purposes that he has appointed no colored postmasters in Indiana? Are the colored politicians of the South smarter than their brethren in the North, or why do these fare so hardly?

### A Girl's High School.

The Charlotte Chronicle says: Anticipating the closing of the Charlotte Female Institute, a movement has been going on for several days to secure pledges of scholars, for a girl's high school to be conducted by teachers of well established reputation and ability, some of whom are now connected with the Charlotte Female Institute.

The efforts made in this direction have met with gratifying success, and only a few more scholars are needed to make the school a certainty.

Those interested in this work have acted quietly but promptly, and it is hoped that every one who appreciates the importance of such a school will come forward at once and aid in securing the establishment.

### Death of a Bishop.

Boston, Mass., March 9.—

Benjamin H. Faddock, Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts, died this evening.

### Destroyed by Fire.

News and Observer.

WILMINGTON, N. C., March 10.—The Union school house, the finest public school building in the city, was totally burned this evening; loss \$10,000 to \$11,000; covered by insurance. The school had four hundred scholars.

Greensboro Record: The apricots are not killed yet. A careful inspection of a number of the blooms to-day disclosed the fact that a full crop is still alive. As the apricot is the first fruit tree to bloom in this latitude, it is hoped this may be a good fruit year. —According to the Florence, Ga., Banner, Texas has a Hog for governor, a Pig for judge, a Lamb for senator, a Durham for representative, and a Buffalo for sheriff. It would seem as if the Lone Star State proposes to run her political machine on a regular "stock" combination.

### ACTIVITY ALL ALONG THE LINE.

The Manufacturers' Record of the 7th instant says:

The past week has shown an activity in the industrial life of the south that is amazing. Not for many months has there been such a list of new enterprises, and probably never before was the southward tend of industrial development more strikingly illustrated than during the last ten days. From every direction the movement swells in ever-increasing volume, and there seems to be no limit to the wonderful growth that the coming summer will show Pennsylvania, the west and Great Britain alike helped on the record of the week's advance. From Great Britain come reports of a \$1,000,000 company to build furnaces and steel works at Middlesborough, Ky.; a \$2,000,000 development company that has already planned for a dozen new enterprises to employ about 5,000 hands at the same town, and a \$300,000 coal mining and coke company likewise at Middlesborough; one of the big iron and steel-making companies at Pottstown, Pa., will build larger iron works in the south, probably in Virginia; a Scranton company has contracted to build hardware works to employ 500 hands at East Richmond, and a New York company will build sewing machine works there; a \$1,000,000 company, with all the stock taken, has purchased 103,000 acres of iron and timber land in Virginia and West Virginia for development; a \$1,000,000 company has been formed to build a furnace and other works in Alabama; Florida reports six new phosphate mining companies with an aggregate capital stock of \$1,368,000, and the sale of large tracts of phosphate lands, the activity in the development of this business being something wonderful; a \$175,000 cotton mill is to be built at Edgefield, S. C.; a 4,000-spindle mill at King's Mountain in North Carolina, and a mill at Salisbury in the same state; a \$200,000 company has been organized in Philadelphia to establish pine straw bagging factories and soap works in connection in the south, while a \$75,000 pine fibre company has been chartered in South Carolina; a \$50,000 horse collar factory, \$50,000 brick works, a \$250,000 electric company at Cisco, \$1,000,000 town building company at Galveston, are some of the new enterprises chartered in Texas; Staunton, Va., is to have a 400 barrel flour mill and Shendun a \$40,000 plaster company, while a \$100,000 steel company and three land companies with an aggregate of \$500,000 of stock have been organized; West Virginia shows a \$100,000 fire-brick company, a \$30,000 coal mining company, and also a \$50,000 chinaware company to be organized; in North Carolina a \$50,000 slate company and a \$35,000 quarrying company are among the week's new enterprises; a \$200,000 coal mining company and a \$100,000 quarrying company in Kentucky; a \$25,000 cotton-seed oil mill in Camden, S. C.; a \$50,000 mining company in North Georgia; a \$15,000 cotton mill in the same state have been organized. While this list briefly summarizes a few of the more important enterprises of the week, as long as it is, it does not by any means cover the whole field nor give a full idea of the remarkable activity which is everywhere being shown. As the spring advances and good weather enables building operations to be resumed, the south will be the busiest part of America, and its advance during 1891 will, in all probability, far surpass the record of any previous year.

### History of a Beautiful Flower.

New York Ledger.

The large and beautiful chrysanthemum known as the "Mrs. Alpheus Hardy," which has recently become such a favorite, has an interesting history. Several years ago there came to Boston a young Japanese boy, Joseph Neesima, who was very anxious to obtain an education that would fit him for missionary work in his own country. He attracted the notice of the late Alpheus Hardy, whose philanthropy was well known, and by his kindness the poor boy received a thorough collegiate and theological education. He returned home, where he labored with great acceptance until his death, a few months ago. Soon after his return to Japan, wishing to make some expression of his gratitude, young Neesima sent to Mrs. Hardy a collection of thirty chrysanthemum plants which he had gathered in his native country.

Mrs. Hardy placed these with an experienced florist, who gave the apparently worthless plants excellent care, and was rewarded by a rich collection of blossoms. Among these was the queenly flower which has attracted so much attention, and is said to be unrivaled in the list of chrysanthemums through out the world. To this Mrs. Hardy's name has been given. It is of a pure white color, very large, and has incurving petals. On the outer ones are found small but distinct spines. Great pains have been taken by florists to discover its origin, and photographs of the blossoms have been sent to Japan, but at last accounts no plant producing such flowers had been found in that country.

### OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

News and Observer: In the House there were no leaders, the body for the most part going its own gait without regard to leadership. In the Senate Mr. Lucas was the strongest man, and Mr. Bellamy perhaps made the most general reputation.

Charlotte Chronicle: When Mr. McKinley introduced his resolution to thank Speaker Reed, and Mr. Mills called for the ayes and noes, the gallant and fearless Cowles of the eighth North Carolina district, asked the clerk to record him two noes if he could.

### Floods in Mississippi.

PICKENS, March 9.—We have been isolated since last Saturday, when the last train passed north. Continued rains since Thursday night have raised the water in Big Black river higher than ever known and it is still rising rapidly. It is up to the floor of the bridge; all the other bridges in the county are gone and communication cut off. The Illinois Central Railroad track is lifted bodily from its bed and deposited in the ditch for miles below and above here and the embankment swept away. Incalculable damage has been done by the water.

A cyclone passed over this place last Saturday morning, without doing any damage, dropping over in Madison county where it caused great destruction of life and property, passing from there into Attala county, where houses were blown down and four negroes killed.

### Mrs. Frank Leslie's Fortune.

New York, March 9.—Mrs. Frank Leslie will make a new will on Wednesday by which the bulk of her fortune amounting to at least \$200,000 will be left in trust for the establishment of a great institution for the instruction of women and the advancement of higher education of the sex.

### A young man led a blushing

damsel into the presence of Rev. Dr. Carpenter. "We want to be married," he said, "are you Rev. Dr. Carpenter?" "Yes," replied the genial minister, "Carpenter and Joiner."

### Charlotte Chronicle: C. P.

Mungo, Justice of the Peace in Clear Creek, reports great fatality among the horses in that section from blind staggers.