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GRAHAM, N. C., Dec. 15, 1904.

The Russians have troubles at home as well as with the Japs. A vast mob made an anti-Government demonstration in St. Petersburg Sunday.

Before the election high priced farm products and prosperity was the slogan of the Republican politicians. Cotton is a farm product—what do cotton growers think of it now? It's mighty little now that merchants and other business people have to say about the boasted prosperity.

Speaker Joe Cannon of the House of Representatives at Washington, who is a native of Guilford County on last Saturday was presented with a gavel made of dogwood taken near the birth place of the Speaker. Mr. John C. Cox presented the gavel and Congressman Dixon of Montana, a native of Alamance, made the presentation speech.

The Republican pie-hunters at Burlington are engaged in a fight over the postoffice. The incumbent, Mr. Zeb Waller, is fighting for re-appointment and John Rat Fogleman and John R. Ireland are after his scalp. The fight is being prosecuted vigorously and bitterly. The incumbent has had some serious charges brought against him, among them that he suppressed Democratic literature mailed to that office. And the fight goes merrily on. Watch the "dark horse" win the race.

The St. Louis Exposition Ended.

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis commemorated the one hundredth anniversary of the purchase of Louisiana territory from France by President Thomas Jefferson in 1803.

The work of planning and building the exposition lasted seven years. The fair opened May 1 and closed December 1. The last day was called France Day, in honor of David R. Francis, the president, and it was declared a holiday by Governor Dockery in recognition of the splendid work of the exposition's chief executive.

Ex-President Cleveland and President Roosevelt attended the opening ceremonies, and President Roosevelt visited the fair again last Saturday.

The total attendance will approximate 19,000,000, which is about 8,000,000 fewer than the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893, although the railroads conveyed more visitors into St. Louis than to Chicago the difference being in local attendance.

The fair received \$5,000,000 from the government, \$5,000,000 from the city and \$5,000,000 from individual stockholders. In addition it obtained a loan of \$4,600,000 from the government, which was repaid.

The Weather Calendar.

The Chattanooga Medicine Co. the manufacturers of Wine of Cardui and Theodor's Black Draught have just issued the 1905 edition of their Cardui Weather Chart and Calendar. This Calendar with its 13 sheets 12x20 inches in size makes a bright ornament for the wall and is a useful acquisition in any home or office on account of its displayed weather predictions. The prominent numbers can be read across a large room as can the colored signal flags showing the weather conditions for each day. These weather signals illustrate the forecasts of Prof. Andrew J. DeVoe who achieved great prominence by his accurate predictions of the great Galveston, St. Louis and Mississippi storms and cyclones. So great is the popularity of these predictions that they are printed in 2,500,000 copies of these calendars and in 18,000,000 of the Ladies' Birthday Almanacs which are issued by the Chattanooga Medicine Co. each year. We understand that a copy of this chart and calendar may be secured by sending 25c. in stamps to the Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn. Any of our friends who have not secured a copy of the Ladies' Birthday Almanac may get one by sending their names to the Ladies' Birthday Almanac, Chattanooga, Tenn., or by their druggist.

Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8, 1904. There have hardly ever been on the first day of the session as many members of the Senate and House present in their seats as assembled under the white dome on Monday, in spite of slippery streets and driving sleet. The air was filled with cordial salutations, taking the general form of regrets and congratulations. The minority party protested that though it was certainly swamped it was not absolutely wrecked. It would be too much to expect that a party which had just received an overwhelming endorsement would bear itself with modest humility on such an occasion and so there was a rapid exchange of irony and retort, banter and persiflage. In neither house did the members seem to care whether the chaplain delivered an audible invocation or a pantomime. The Democrats bore their defeat with becoming dignity and satisfied themselves and prodded the boastful majority with the great truth that to-morrow takes care of to-morrow and it is a very long road that has no turn.

The President has certainly succeeded in making another sensation. He has achieved the most extraordinary message that ever emanated from the White House—a performance entirely unique. It treats of matters which no President ever before recommended to the attention of Congress and in the writing of half of it he seems to have been mesmerized by Parson Wagner and Jacob Riis. Perhaps all of his theories are humane and some of them are practicable, but he suggests action concerning many matters which can be taken in hand only by state legislatures. Think of a President's message on life insurance, the price of beef steak, child labor, alley slums, race suicide, school truancy, wife-beating and the whipping post! He earnestly calls upon Congress to guard against extravagance and recommends an increase of appropriations. He is for peace, arbitration, and a great navy. He declares that it is contemptible "for a nation to use high sounding language to proclaim its purpose" unless it is able to back up the language. But why should any nation "use high-sounding language?" He says (having Columbus in mind) "It is not true that the United States feels any land hunger or entertains any projects toward other nations of the western hemisphere save such as are for their welfare." "But he carefully avoids telling us who is to be the judge of this. It recalls the lion in La Fontaine's fable who admitted having eaten sheep for their good and declared that in thus noticing them he had "done them too much honor." The message is a congeries and concatenation of unrelated ideas. Was it not Goethe who constructed the last volume of Wilhelm Meister out of the sweepings of his study table? Or the tariff the President says not a word but its absence is more conspicuous than its presence could have been like the omission of the bust of Cato from the triumphal pageant of Rome. Woman suffrage, Battle Creek food and dress reform also get the go by, to the readers surprise, especially when it is remembered that the German emperor busies himself in the intervals of a strenuous life by designing the costumes of the ladies of his court.

Of the questions concerning public policy which are treated it is admitted even by Democrats that the President has dealt frankly and without reserve. They do not by any means agree with all his recommendations but their criticism is not very vigorous. An important paragraph of the message relating to the control of interstate commerce was followed yesterday by the introduction in both Senate and House of bills complying with the recommendation. It provides for authority to fix freight rates but arranges for an appeal to courts in case of a difference. The recommendations for punishment for bribery and corruption in Federal elections call out favorably comment. The assertion that the Filipinos are "as yet totally unfit" for self-government meets, of course with Democratic opposition, but the promise that "within two years we shall be trying the experiment of an elective house in the Philippine legislature" is regarded as something of an offset.

There seems to be considerable sense and justice in the crusade which the admirals of our navy are making to resent and prevent the promiscuous use of their title. The practice which has provoked the remonstrance is absurd. For shipbuilders, commissaries, land-surveyors, quartermasters, doctors, and chaplains, to masquerade as admirals and even to put the title "Rear-Admiral" on their visiting cards, is so flagrantly preposterous as to cause amazement that the President has not prevented it by a prescriptive order. Men who have won their rank by fighting and making sacrifices in the face of an enemy have a right to be impatient at the impudence of these supernumeraries.

Appropriation bills are hustling to the front. The legislative, executive, and judicial, carrying \$30,000,000 has been reported to the House. The Post Office with total \$183,000,000 was considered by sub-committee yesterday. The Indian appropriation bill will be taken up by committee to-day; the Committee on Territories is in session; and the River and Harbor committee has been busy distributing large quantities of "pork" for more than a week.

The public will be glad to know that our postal service would be entirely self-sustaining now if it were not for the expense of the rural free delivery. The rustic population is not likely to give up this great convenience and the result is that one cent postage which we have been for many years approaching, must be postponed for three or four years longer. Its advent could be hastened by the adoption of a parcels-post system by which packages weighing over four pounds could be sent by mail like other countries instead of giving express companies the monopoly of handling them. People would be glad to pay half the price which express companies now charge and the government would make money by the operation.

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Our Raleigh letter

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 12, 1904. The plan of Director Kerr, of the State prison board, looking to the establishment of a reformatory for young criminals in this State, has successfully carried through.

This plan is in brief to devote the net earnings of the penitentiary, or as much as shall be needed to the building and maintenance of the reformatory.

We are sorry that some of Mr. Kerr's associates in the management of the penitentiary are opposed to his excellent idea, and we hope they can be induced to withdraw their opposition.

Since writing the above we find the following in the Charlotte Observer on the same subject: "That appears to be an excellent idea. There is something repulsive about a State making money out of criminals, and this use of funds accruing from their labor seems to be most appropriate. The fact that there is opposition to the plan on the part of the members of the board is to be regretted, for the State certainly needs a place for the youthful criminals, and a direct appropriation of the Legislature for such a purpose is indeed doubtful."

North Carolina is behind her sister State, in this particular matter and it is not consistent that she should remain so; for we are in advance of many States in other important matters of public policy.

The objection that has been raised when this reformatory matter was before the Legislature a few years ago to the effect that the inmates of such an institution would be chiefly composed of young negroes, ought not to be allowed to defeat the efforts now making in renewing the agitation of the subject.

Of course the two races could and should be separated, and the General Assembly can easily find a way to accomplish that end.

We hope to see Mr. Kerr's plan sanctioned and adopted by the Legislature at the coming session, and a measure passed providing for the establishment of a reformatory without further delay.

We "have heard much of this "proposed" tour of the President and have been waiting for some tangible evidence that he really had such a visit in view.

It now develops, unmistakably, that he has not any plans to that effect, and it is really doubtful whether he has seriously considered the matter since the election.

The matter is giving rise to an ugly and unhealthy discussion between elements of citizens in some of these cities, especially Atlanta. Among those in Atlanta who have joined in the discussion is United States Senator Bacon. A three column article by him in a recent issue of an Atlanta paper makes it clear that a "social" visit by Mr. Roosevelt, individually standing "unpurged of the Booker Washington incident", would be unwelcome to many typical Southerners of Atlanta, who would not surrender or compromise their convictions and position on the question of "social equality" by taking part in the reception of Mr. Roosevelt socially—however much respect is due him officially as the President of the United States.

The matter has already reached the stage where danger lurks. Raleigh has not yet joined in a request to the President to include this city in his tour. We doubt, all things considered, whether anything would be gained by Raleigh or the President if we should do so.

It really looks as if it would be well to let President Roosevelt manage his visit, if he is to make one to the South to suit himself.

We are almost persuaded to say that it should not be made, as such, at all—as long as the present differences, manifesting themselves so conspicuously, promise to grow to even more serious and dangerous proportions.

More harm than good might come of it.

The genial and accomplished and gallant Gen. Wm. R. Cox, former Congressman from this district and latter secretary of the United States Senate, is in the city shaking hands with his friends, who include the whole town. No gentleman in the State "holds his age" so well as General Cox, that we are aware of. He is as stately and handsome, genial and altogether as charming in his manners as he was fifteen years ago when he served the Raleigh district in Congress with such distinguished ability.

That \$3 schedule enacted by the management of witnesses of the Carolina-Virginia football game Thanksgiving day has let a long and lingering reminder in the memory of the victims. They will be interested to learn that Norfolk would like to have the same of future contests between these teams transferred to that city. But before Norfolk will be able to arouse much partisan

ship in its favor on this side of the line she will have to give some tangible and binding assurance as to the size of the levy which she contemplates making on the pocket-books of visitors.

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Sandy Gardner, colored, 65 or 70 years of age, who was placed in Buncombe county jail a week or ten days ago a raving maniac, died Wednesday morning. Gardner, it is alleged, lost his mind brooding over his having killed a man named Sheppard, in Yancey county, many years ago. At the time of the murder a plea of self-defense was entered, and Gardner was acquitted.

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Senator Chas. A. Webb, of Buncombe county, gives notice that he will introduce in the next Legislature a bill to amend the act creating the corporation commission so as to bring hotels under the supervision and direction of the commission for the protection of the traveling public. Mr. Webb insists that a hotel is a public utility and as such should be regulated like a railroad or other similar institution.

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At a meeting of the directors of the penitentiary this week Mr. J. P. Kerr, of Asheville, proposed that the board take the \$50,000 surplus which the penitentiary now has to its credit and establish a reformatory for young criminals. Some of the directors are opposed to the plan and action was postponed, but the proposition may prove a popular one.

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