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THE LEGISLATURE.

About three weeks of the time of the Legislature has passed. Something over five hundred bills have been introduced but a great majority of them are of a private or local nature.

Both branches of the Legislature adjourned on Thursday of last week in honor of Gen. R. E. Lee.

A bill has passed placing the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad in the hands of the Democrats.

The House has passed a bill that ought to have been passed years ago, and that is a bill removing the legal disabilities of married women in regard to titles to real estate.

A bill will be passed placing foreign corporations, that do business in this State, on the same level with our own corporations.

One of the most important bills yet introduced is one proposing an amendment to the State constitution in regard to the public school fund.

The House has very properly passed a bill providing for the publication of the sketches of North Carolina's regiments in the Confederate army, which have been written under the supervision of Judge Walter Clark by the survivors of those regiments.

A general road law has been introduced and is favorably reported by the committee, somewhat similar to the Rockingham road law (Chap. 120 of Acts 1897).

The House has refused to pass the bill to abolish or interfere with the dispensary at Fayetteville.

A bill has passed placing the penitentiary in the control of the Democrats, the same to take effect February 10th.

A NUMBER of our exchanges have recently entered new volumes, among them are the Oxford Ledger, Henderson Gold Leaf, Alamance Gleaner, Durham Sun and others.

It has been found that some of the salaries of Havana officials have been unpaid by Spain since 1867. And yet, though they didn't draw their full pay, many of these officials have been living high on nothing.

OUT of 7,840 homicides in the United States in 1898 but 33 were in self-defense. Only 100 were executed for their crimes.

The Oxford Public Ledger says: "North Carolina did not have a single lynching in 1898, but with January just half gone two have occurred in the State in 1899."

The Asheville Citizen ventures to say that comparatively few North Carolinians know that nearly one hundred years ago, when Nathaniel Macon of North Carolina was speaker of the House of the National Congress, North Carolina had 12 members in that body, while now she has only nine.

CONFLICT WITH FEDERAL CONSTITUTION.

The News and Observer says that there has of late been much agitation in favor of amending the State Constitution so that the taxes paid by the white people shall be applied exclusively to the public schools of the white race and the taxes paid by the negroes should be applied exclusively to the schools for the negro race.

The advocates of this plan proceed upon the theory that to secure such division of the school fund it is only necessary to change the State Constitution. In this they are in error.

The Supreme court in the case of Paitt vs. Commissioners of Gaston county (94 N. C. Reports, page 700), holds that a law which allows a tax on the polls of one color and on property owned by persons of the same color, to be applied exclusively to the education of children of that color, is in conflict both with the Constitution of North Carolina and the United States.

THE GROWTH OF TRUSTS.

As the Charlotte Observer says, one can hardly realize what a grip the trusts and combinations of capital have upon this country, or how rapid has been the growth of these institutions.

The new concerns incorporated during the twelve months have an aggregate capitalization of more than a quarter of a billion dollars. This, of course, is a different thing from a capital of that amount, and represents merely the quantity of paper certificates in the form of shares which these trusts have caused to be printed and hope to dispose of to the public.

Since the opening of the new year the number of new trusts incorporated or projected has multiplied, and the reactionary effect is seen in the dispatches from State capitals announcing the introduction of legislation intended to check their growing power.

A table compiled by a N. Y. paper gives ninety-two trusts formed during 1898 and embracing every department of industry. Their aggregate capitalization is shown to be \$1,292,749,200, of which \$957,957,300 is common stock and \$334,791,900 preferred.

Their bonded indebtedness will increase the total over \$1,500,000,000. A few comparisons will enable one to grasp the meaning of this great capital.

The total value of the United States wheat crop of 1896 is placed at \$310,502,339—less than one-third of the capital of the 1898 trusts.

The value of the horses in the United States in 1897 was estimated at \$452,649,396.

The value of mineral products in 1896 was \$623,717,288; sheep in 1897, \$65,029,942; milk cows in 1897, \$360,239,993.

The value of sugar consumed in this country is now about \$20,000,000 a year. The total of wages paid in the sugar refining industry is about \$2,000,000—less than one six-hundredth of the new trust capital of 1898.

JUST THE SIZE OF IT.

Butler's Caucasian refers to Isaac Smith, colored member of the house from Craven, as a new acquisition of the Democratic party, and says Democratic papers "give their colored member Smith a great deal of attention," reporting his speeches, etc.

Commenting on what Butler's paper says of Smith, the Kinston Free Press expresses it just about right in the following:

Prof. Smith is a rich character and the Democratic papers give space to his speeches because of their uniqueness, which makes them valuable as interesting news. Smith votes with Democrats, we suppose through policy. We also suppose that had fusion succeeded last November he would be one of the rankst for continued negro rule. He was nominated by Butler's fusion party in Craven and was elected by that Ethiopian party.

However, Isaac Smith, though a negro—a black skinned one—is better than the white fusion leaders who turned the negro counties over to negro rule in 1895 and 1897, and who tried, but failed, to perpetuate negro rule at the ballot box last fall.

REV. MR. AVIRETT'S ADDRESS.

In answer to the unanimous invitation by the members of the Legislature Rev. J. B. Avirett Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, of Louisburg, delivered an address on Gen. R. E. Lee, before the General Assembly on Thursday night of last week.

A large and appreciative audience greeted Rev. Mr. Avirett, the orator, who delivered a lecture on General Lee last evening in the hall of the House of Representatives. A number of ladies were present.

Mr. Avirett is one of the most scholarly men of the State. He graduated at the University just before the war and is a representative of the Old South—the product of the high culture that obtained among the wealthy and leisured class of our planters.

Naturally he considered Lee in the period prior to the war—as a youth—an officer of the engineers in the Mexican war, and rated so high in the old army as to have received the offer of the command of the Federal army, when the war was approaching.

And there were constant references to themes that grew out of Lee's life which added much to the merit of the address. We shall not attempt any quotation—but the incident of Lee's marriage at grand old Arlington—was delightfully portrayed; and as Mr. Avirett had associated Washington and Lee together as being the product of the same locality and community, so this marriage in the Custis house brought to the attention of the audience a still closer association between these two greatest men in the world's history.

Particularly were we pleased at the portrayal of Lee's noble life—for Mr. Avirett laid great stress on the character of the man. As to military achievements, Napoleon, Marlborough, Alvin might lay claim to equal consideration, but when we note the difference in nobility of character between Lee and other famous generals, we appreciate how the Virginian towers above them all.

Mr. Avirett paid a deserved tribute to Stonewall Jackson; and naturally referred to the superb officers and men who composed the army whose achievements have made Lee immortal, and his eulogium on North Carolina was strikingly beautiful.

Towards his close, when speaking of Lee as suffering—grieving in his great heart over the miseries of the prostrate South, and by his example enforcing the precept that human fortitude should be equal to every human calamity, he presented this great man in a light that mingles sympathy with admiration.

The address was the work of a master—masterful. The diction was pure, the sentences well built, and beautifully finished; and the delivery was with the ease of the practiced orator.

The occasion will long be recalled with gratification by those who were present, and we trust with profit; for we sympathize to the fullest extent with the closing sentiments of Mr. Avirett—that Lee speaks to the Southern people from his grave, and that God has given him to us as a heritage.

The effect of Washington's character on the aspirations of men has been amply exemplified. It has tended to raise the standard of human excellence. And here at the South, within the domain of the conquered banner—that spotless, unswerving, blazing in glory and superb brilliance, vanished from the sight of men when Lee with bowed head furled it at Appomattox—here, where the men who followed Lee will always dwell, the beneficence of his noble character should be a perpetual legacy.

Elsewhere let wealth, let fortune, let brilliancy win the honors, but with us, let spotless character, the high nobility of a royal manhood, be the chief title to esteem and consideration.

The Statesville Landmark says that the facts charged in Governor Russell's message as to his reasons for the removal of the Wilsons from the railroad commission were true he would have a strong case against them, but it so happens that they are not true.

Col. Andrews never held a mortgage on Maj. J. W. Wilson for any amount at any time in his life, and the Round Knob Hotel was, in point of fact, leased to S. Otho Wilson's mother and not to Otho.

The penitentiary affairs seem to be worse than was at first expected. There seems to be a deficit considerably in excess of \$115,000. Governor Russell surely smelts a mouse.

In the short space of two years he has made a number of changes in the management of this institution. He first tried Jno. R. Smith, of ice cream and strawberry notoriety. He soon found that Smith did not have any of the necessary qualifications, and forthwith he replaced him with a man by the name of Mewbourne. He, too, proved to be the wrong man for the place, and the Governor has recently appointed another Superintendent of the pen.

The Governor surely knew that the thing was rotten all the time.

STANDARD OF VALUE.

Currency Bill Favored by House Coinage committee Retirement of the Greenback.

WASHINGTON, January 21.—The House Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures to-day, by a strict party vote, ordered a favorable report on the substitute for Representative Hill's bill to fix the standard of value in the United States, and for other purposes.

The bill provides in substance that the standard of value in the United States shall be the gold dollar; that all contracts existing, and in the future shall be computed with reference to that standard; that there shall be established in the Treasury department of issue and redemption; that the greenbacks shall be retired, and that upon their retirement gold bills shall be substituted therefor. No silver dollars are to be hereafter coined, except from bullion in the Treasury; the Secretary of the Treasury, in his discretion, to coin silver into subsidiary coin as public urgency demands, and to receive old, worn, or uncurrent subsidiary coin without special appropriation therefor; such coinage of bullion to be concurrent with the retirement of Treasury notes, the same as if coined into silver dollars, and the coinage of such subsidiary coin not to be limited to \$50,000,000.

There is to be a separation of Treasury accounts between issue and financial transactions, and a gold reserve of 25 per cent. of outstanding notes and Treasury notes is to be maintained; also, a 5 per cent. gold reserve of the aggregate number of silver dollars as common fund for the redemption of all notes. The retirement of the greenbacks is for the first five years to be an amount equal to the increase of national bank notes issued subsequently to the taking effect of the act; 20 per cent. to be retired annually during the next five years, and greenback to cease to be legal tender at the end of ten years. Gold and currency certificates are to be cancelled as paid, and not reissued. No national bank notes under \$10 and no silver certificates for over \$5 are to be issued.

The tax on national banks is to be changed from the circulation to one-tenth of 1 per cent. on capital, surplus, and undivided profits.

The bill repeals all existing restrictions on the withdrawal and issue of national bank notes at will, and banks may issue notes to the full value of bonds deposited. National banks with a capital of \$25,000, and in cities of 5,000 people may be established, and branch banks may be provided, under regulations made by the Comptroller of the Currency.

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