

Published Daily (except Monday) and Weekly by THE NEWS AND OBSERVER CO.

Subscription rates: Daily one year, mail postpaid, \$7.00; three months, \$2.25; six months, \$4.50; single copies, 10 cents.

SUNDAY, FEB. 19, 1888.

TAXES. The subject of taxes is rather a dreary one to the average citizen, but it seems, strangely enough, to possess a weird fascination for Republican editors.

There are no delightful recollections clustering around the idea of State finances in their minds, and exactly why they should be harping on taxes now, we do not comprehend.

The party once had a chance to administer the finances of this State, and they began by selling all the visible property and pocketing the proceeds. This carried them to the next year, when having levied taxes to the amount of 80 cents on the \$100 worth of property, they were made happy by seeing more than a million dollars roll in for spoils.

They were in clover, for they not only took the taxes, but after the fashion of those who served about the temple, they required a tenth part of the special tax bonds and appropriations to be set aside for special uses.

The ordinary men these would not be pleasant memories, but the Republican editors seem to love them, and they make the frauds and pilferings of their party friends still more glaring by bringing out prominently the wisdom, the honesty, the prudence and economy of the Democratic administration of State finances.

The Signal says that the total amount of State and county taxes in 1876, for all purposes, was \$1,901,740. This was a high water mark. But in 1870 it was \$2,125,000.

However, the editor of the Signal, who is known for his versatile talents and lively imagination, says the total amount of State and county taxes for 1887 is \$3,019,809, and if the town and city taxes be added it will be \$4,000,000.

This we deny. If any one ever doubted the lively imagination of the editor of the Signal this would put the doubt at rest. This statement is unfounded.

State taxes for 1887 were \$695,000 and county taxes \$1,050,000, making \$1,745,000, which is less by \$150,000 than in 1876, and less than one-half the sum the Signal names, and \$380,000 less than in 1870. The town taxes are about \$220,000.

We, however, do not include in this the school tax, which has steadily increased under the wise and enlightened policy of the Democratic party.

and that swelled the surplus; but as no taxes were levied because of that payment, the balance again ran down, and in 1887 the balance on hand was only \$137,114, and it is likely that this will all be used during the present year.

How closely the Democrats have worked to limit the receipts to the amount of expenses, is shown by the following illustrations: The total receipts of the treasury for 1876 were \$524,039 and the expenses were \$528,055.

The total receipts of the treasury for 1876 were \$524,039 and the expenses were \$528,055. For 1878 the receipts were \$533,322 and the expenses \$544,187.

We have shown that the only increased taxes were the tax on drummers, &c., to meet interest, and the fertilizer tax for the Agricultural Department.

The ordinary expenses of the State government are maintained at about the same figure as ten years ago.

The ordinary expenses for 1876 were \$166,932, and for 1877 \$286,154, making an average of \$226,500 for those two years.

The cost of maintaining the penitentiary has been very large. For the years 1876, 1877, 1878, the annual average was \$128,000; for the years 1884, 1886, 1887 the annual average was \$120,000, being somewhat less.

The cost of the charitable institutions has been somewhat increased, because there are more of them, more patients, &c.

In 1876 the cost was \$184,500; new the cost is just about \$200,000. The population of the State is increasing and the cost of these institutions increases in proportion.

As it will be of interest to see the different sources from which the public funds have been derived and the different objects for which they have been expended, the News and Observer has prepared a table, at very considerable trouble, showing the same.

Table with columns: Name, Amount. Includes Lillie Griffin, Lewiston, N.C., \$25; Janet Griffin, \$25; Chas. Griffin, \$25; Thos. Griffin, \$25; Hanrahan, Pitt county, N.C., \$5.00; Fred M. Thompson, Raleigh, \$25; Mary Wilson Johnson, \$25; Charles Earl Johnson, \$10; For the baby sister, \$10; John S. McKee, Raleigh, \$10; Mabel Pickard, Jackson, \$10; Howard Picard, Jackson, \$10; Ned Pickard, Jackson, \$25.

MEMBERSHIP, 98. DEAR CHILDREN: This week's bundle of letters started at Lewiston, but alas, I can only tell you that the children earned their money faithfully, and hope to be able to send more.

Well, I shall always be glad to hear from you, my little people, and I hope the other letters will not have a gap in their mouths, else what will become of my letter?

The next letter came from a new correspondent but apparently an old friend. "Dear Aunt Beekie, enclosed you will find \$5.00 for the 'Memorial Cot.'"

I hope you will excuse the liberty I have taken in using the children's pet name, but I cannot feel that you are a stranger, having read your very pleasant and profitable letters in the Church Messenger so long.

I am much obliged for your assurance of faith in the success of the work. I have never doubted it, and what has been already accomplished in the course of what I call "the children's fund" will be raised.

The Capital sends the next: "I send in this letter 25 cents and want to answer to roll-call, and again join your band."

Yes, little Mary, you were on the first roll, and I remember, the first 25 cents you sent was earned by having your hair curled "over so many mornings" without crying.

And I am very glad to have you a Messenger, Master Alf, and I think you have made a very good use of part of your birthday money.

Jack, that letter is as brief and to the point as my great grandfather, Judge Daniel Call, would have made it.

labor of love is being sustained more liberally by the public, and I hope that you will soon be on an assured basis for the daily necessities of such a noble and much needed work.

You see, my little people, what Mr. Bryan says about the encouragement the officers of St. John's feel in having you to help them. They are right to trust you, and you will prove it.

The Endowment is now just finished. Let us go to work with fresh vigor now and see how soon we can write completed across the work.

All contributions for the "Bishop Atkinson Memorial Cot." in St. John's Hospital, Raleigh, should be sent to Miss Rebecca Cameron, care Dr. William Cameron, Hillsboro, North Carolina.

The Social devotee who withdraws into her religious cocoon at the beginning of Lent does so with the happy consciousness that the multitudinous fairs of fashion will be at work during all that time devising for her gorgeous raiment.

A slow evening bonnet is of small coronet shape, the coronet front of coquillet silk net. The crown consists of coquillet silk net drawn on wires; strings of gros grain ribbon with corded edge.

A lovely little bonnet of fancy straw brim, faced in with fancy lace, crown first covered with gold tinsel and the trimming made entirely of grasses, is both odd and attractive.

Strings are much longer and longer this season, and long streamers of wide ribbon and trimmings are used at the back of many hats.

It would seem from the hats and bonnets so far displayed that fashion and birds are at odds, for only a few shaded tints are seen, while flowers hold nearly universal sway.

How Men Die. If we know all the methods of approach adopted by an enemy we are the better enabled to ward off the danger and postpone the moment when surrender becomes inevitable.

Ex-Governor Chas. Foster, of Ohio, says he has "no question as to the absolute and unreserved good faith of Mr. Blaine's letter."

No other spring medicine has won for itself such universal confidence as Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It is the most powerful combination of vegetable alteratives ever offered to the public.

People formerly had, trying to follow the old-fashioned pill with its film of magnesia, vainly disguising its bitterness, and what a contrast to Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

Ayer's Pills, Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by all Dealers in Medicines.

What a Time. People formerly had, trying to follow the old-fashioned pill with its film of magnesia, vainly disguising its bitterness.

Low Prices. In every department of my stock of DRY GOODS, Groceries and Rubber, Coats at COST.

FUEL & FEED. On hand and on the road the following reasonable articles: 700 Tons Anthracite Coal, egg, stove and nutt sizes.

Jones & Powell, DODD'S CORNER and Central Depot, RALEIGH, N. C. NORTH CAROLINA Home Insurance Co., OF RALEIGH, N. C.

THE HOME. Solicits the patronage of property owners in the State, offering them safe indemnity for losses at rates as low as those of any company working in North Carolina.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE. Books, Paper, Ink, Ledgers, Office Supplies and almost everything else kept in a first-class Book-store.

D'BULLS COUGH SYRUP. The Greatest Cure on Earth for Pain. Will relieve more quickly than any other known remedy.

SALVATION OIL. The Greatest Cure on Earth for Pain. Will relieve more quickly than any other known remedy.

J. R. FERRALL & CO. Grocers, Seed Potatoes, EARLY ROSE FOR PLANTING, GREEN PEAS.

COUNTRY SAUSAGE AND TOM THUMBES. 222 Fayetteville St. Edw. J. Hardin, Grocer.

Low Prices. In every department of my stock of DRY GOODS, Groceries and Rubber, Coats at COST.

FUEL & FEED. On hand and on the road the following reasonable articles: 700 Tons Anthracite Coal, egg, stove and nutt sizes.

Jones & Powell, DODD'S CORNER and Central Depot, RALEIGH, N. C. NORTH CAROLINA Home Insurance Co., OF RALEIGH, N. C.

THE HOME. Solicits the patronage of property owners in the State, offering them safe indemnity for losses at rates as low as those of any company working in North Carolina.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE. Books, Paper, Ink, Ledgers, Office Supplies and almost everything else kept in a first-class Book-store.

J. N. HOLDING, ARCHITECT. Mechanical Draughtsman, RALEIGH, N. C.

Maryland LIFE INSURANCE CO. Has paid to its policy-holders or their representatives during the past twenty-two years \$1,500,000.

THE MARYLAND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. Desires to contract with competent men as local agents in North Carolina.

FRESH GARDEN SEEDS. A Good Vegetable Garden, PLANT LANDRETH'S OR ELY'S GARDEN SEEDS.

LEE JOHNSON & CO. Druggists & Seedsmen. OPPOSITE POSTOFFICE, RALEIGH, N. C.

M. H. AUFRECHT. Artistic Wall Paper Decorator, OFFERS HIS SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC.

W. H. & R. S. TUCKER & CO. CITIZENS' TRUST COMPANY, RALEIGH, N. C.

EDWARDS & BRIGHTON, RALEIGH, N. C. PRINTERS AND BINDERS.

MOSELEY'S. A Convenient Place TO STOP: MOSELEY'S, 120 FAYETTEVILLE ST., RALEIGH.

DR. E. B. RANKIN, Homeopathic Physician, Halifax Street, Opposite Cotton Platform.

DR. E. B. RANKIN, Homeopathic Physician, Halifax Street, Opposite Cotton Platform.

J. C. BREWSTER HARDWARE, STOVES AND HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS. The finest and most complete stock of KEROSENE LAMPS.

PATAPSCO Flouring Mills. ESTABLISHED 1774. OUR Patent Roller Flours ARE MANUFACTURED FROM THE CHOICEST WHEAT OBTAINABLE.

PATAPSCO Superlative. STANDS UNRIVALLED. OF A RICH, CREAMY COLOR, it makes Bread that will cut the most fastidious.

W. H. & R. S. TUCKER & CO. Spring purchases of IMPORTED SILKS, SOFT REPPED SILKS.

W. H. & R. S. TUCKER & CO. CITIZENS' TRUST COMPANY, RALEIGH, N. C.

EDWARDS & BRIGHTON, RALEIGH, N. C. PRINTERS AND BINDERS.

MOSELEY'S. A Convenient Place TO STOP: MOSELEY'S, 120 FAYETTEVILLE ST., RALEIGH.

DR. E. B. RANKIN, Homeopathic Physician, Halifax Street, Opposite Cotton Platform.

DR. E. B. RANKIN, Homeopathic Physician, Halifax Street, Opposite Cotton Platform.

DR. E. B. RANKIN, Homeopathic Physician, Halifax Street, Opposite Cotton Platform.