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TAXES. The subject of taxes is rather a dreary one to the average citizen, but it seems, strangely enough, to possees a weird fascination for Republican editors. If there are any persons for whom "taxes" have no special interest we had supposed it was the Republican brethren of the press, who are usually not burdened by taxation and to whom the subject has

appeared to be particularly unsavory. 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.

Their 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 mil'ion dollars roll in for spoils. That year 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. In their case, the special use was the enrichment of the ring, the high priests of Radicalism. The next year was "election year," and they "let un" on the taxes, used the school fund and left the State Treasury bankrupt with a deficiency of \$150,000 to be met by the Democratic legisla-

To ordinary men these would not be pleasant memories, but the Repub lican editors seem to love them, and they make the frauds and pilferings of their party friends still more glaring by bringing out prominently the windom, 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 we admit. But in 1870 it was \$2 125,000.

Note the difference. 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 and city taxes be added it will be \$4,-

000,000." This we deny. If any one ever doubted the lively imagination of the because there are more of them, more editor of the Signal this would put the doubt at rest. This statement is unfounded.

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. In 1877, the amount distributed for schools was \$289,213; in 1885 it was \$637,552. School taxes are not computed as county taxes. County taxes have decreased since 1876, not increased.

But then, says the Signal, "taxes have intreased enormously since imagination. But there has been an

When the State undertook to compromise is debt, it was necessary to provide for the interest on the new bonds, which amounted to about \$150,000 and taxes were levied with that view. Taxes have been increased In 1876, the taxes were \$524.039;

in 1886, including the fertilizer tax, they were \$691,601; in 1887 they were \$695.500. Since then the tax rate has been reduced from 25 to 20 cents.

This increase was to pay interest on the 4 per cent bonds, and to support the Agricultural Department. While we also pay interest on the 6 per cent bonds, the money for that comes from the dividends of the N.C.R.B. and not from taxation. The increased taxes are about \$180,-000. But we append a table showing that these increased taxes do not come from the farm lands.

Because of the building of railroads and other natural reasons the value of the lands in North Carolina have considerably increased in value. On these lands taxes have been levied as on other property. But they constitute only a part of the resources of the State for taxing purposes. In 1869 the Radicals taxed the

farms for State purposes \$559,927 but now farm lands pay to the State, notwithstanding their increase in value, only about \$200,000, the valuation being less than \$100,000,000 and the rate 20 cents on the hundred dollars. In 1876 they paid about \$212,

in the table below the amount collected for the State from the farms each year is clearly shown. The increased taxes have not come from the farm lands, but from "drummers," the fertilizer tax and other such sources. The tax rate on property has been reduced from 293 to 20 cents—about one third.

That disposes of the state-ment that there has been a great increase of taxes; and it must be borne in mind that whatever new taxes have been collected have not been from the

farmer. But, says the Signal, there has been a tremendous "surplus." The Democrate managed so wisely and honestly that in 1876 they had on hard a surplus of about \$184,000. Then they reduced taxes, for their a plenty of cold weather and frost. receipt. policy has been to raise each year just what was needed and no more. the planting will be beneficial, so our work by the increasing interest Two years later, in 1878, the amount that no harm probably will come of which is being shown by our own It gave me instant relief and entirely on find was \$75,874. Then provision was made to pay interest on the new bonds, and as the bondholders now can hardly be relied upon for a gers to take care of the Cot we feel other remedies with no good result. do not come forward promptly, the "crap. interest money accumulated in the treasury, so that in 1883 there was

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 Janet Griffin, 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 Charles Earl Johnson,

for 1876 were \$524,039 and the ex- For the baby sister, penses were \$528,055. For 1878 the John S McKee, Raleigh, second receipts were \$533,322 and the expenses \$534,187. In 1881 the receipts | Mabel Pickard, Jackson, second were \$645,473 and the expenses \$648,472, and in 1887 the receipts were \$850,177 and the expenses were \$885,389. These illustrations | Ned Pickard Jackson, second show that the rate of taxation was cast just to meet the expenses. The rate has been lowered whenever it could be done, and one year, when we were able to do it, we had no

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. There are two classes of bonds, the 4 per cents and the 6 per cents. The interest on the 4 per cent bonds is paid by the drummers' tax, &c.; the interest on the 6 per cent bonds is not paid by taxation. These bonds had a lien on the dividends on the State's stock in the N. C. R. R., and in 1873 Mr. Sam. Phillips was

appointed a receiver to receive these dividends and pay the interest. The dividends amounted to \$180,000 a year. Mr. Phillips received it and paid the interest to the bondholders; but in 1883, an arrangement having been made, a part of that money was paid to the Treasurer, who paid interest on the new 6 per cents with it, and that has continued until Mr. Phillips last year paid out only about \$25,000, while the Treasurer received about \$154,000 of these dividends. Thus, the treasury receipts have been increased \$150,000 by funds not derived from taxation.

The ordinary expenses of the State government are maintained at about the same figure as ten years ago. The needs of the State change, and some of the former items of expenditure have ceased; but except the appropriation for the poor soldiers and for the Oxford Orphan asylum and the normal schools, &c., the same general objects have been provided

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

For the two years 1885 and 1886, the average was \$215,000. That has been about the yearly average for ten

The cost of maintaining the penitentiary has been variable. For the three years 1876, 1877, 1878, the annual average was \$128,000; for the years for 1887 is "\$3,019,809,and if the town | 1884, 1886, 1887 the annual average was \$120,000, being somewhat less. The cost of the charitable institutions has been somewhat increased,

patients, &c. In 1876 the cost was \$184,500; new the cost is just about \$200,000. The State taxes for 1887 were \$695,000 population of the State is increasing and the cost of these institutions in-

creases 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 OBSERV-ER has prepared a table, at very considerable trouble, showing the same. No table so comprehensive has ever been prepared before, and we wish to call the attention of our friends among the farmers to the fact that here in this table they can see what part of the revenue comes from their lands. They will observe that in 1876 farm lands paid \$211,000 while

all other sources paid but \$312,000. In 1886, farm lands paid \$234,000 (having paid nothing the year before) while the other sources of taxation contributed \$455.000. And notwithstanding their increased value farm lands pay the current year less than

\$200,000. We commend the table the careful study of the people. Only one word of explanation is very glad to be one of the 'Messen- as the only trimming. The indicacal year was changed from Sept. 30 to Nov. 30 and that fiscal year contained 14 months, which makes the items for that year heavier than usu-

For Fiscal Year.

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	661,503	650,601	211,811	673,655	675,862	624,921	531,257	Sec. 25.	532,339	511,257	519,135	524,039	Total Public Taxes.
	922,750	234,478	Ruidson	820,028	207,728	223,643	189,611	189,319	210,721	210 655	210,131	211,735	From Farm Lands.
	36,000	81,300	86,800	63,000	69,900	000,555	51, 400	42,300	27,400	13,800	11,500	8,150	From Drummers.
	409,753	381.823	125,011	268.627	308,234	346,078	249,746	256,669	294,218	296,802	297,504	304,134	Other Taxes.
	154,674	113,520	120,646	723, 120	242,745	88,960	E. 0.7	34,708	- 1				Dividends and other Receipts from Railroads.
	33,000	41,000	41,600	40,000	46,500	17,000	29,500	24,000	21,000	2,065	14,500	WEEKS	Tax for Agricultural Department.
	277,008	N35, 121	378,957	1,436,775	965.107	188,007	645,745	900,5HG	553,939	533,322	533,635	524,039	Total receipts of Treasurer.
	25,000	30,000	54,000	66,000	56 000	150,000	150.000	1×0,000	180,000	190,000	180,000	150,000	N. C. Railroad Dividends Receiv- ed by S. F. Ph l- lips for interest.
	252, 252	111,890	187,674	241.877	329,009	147.870	146, 163	59,500	59.500	59,500	59,500	59,500	Interest and Debt paid out by Treas.
3	303,634	306,528	34%,000	574,886	327,549	310,551	244,70%	232,043	257,780	264,032	253,110	301,513	Penal and Charita- ble Institutions.

982 388 213 388 2 Or course there is no use in giving warning. - This springlike weather makes people feel like planting and they are going to plant their peas me by our Mr. Clark (from St. Paul's, and other like "truck," though they know that March is still to come and Well, the exercise they get in doing

THE TENEDS FOR Other Expenses.

THE fisheries treaty with Great a balance on hand of \$274,953 to pay Britain has been completed. Else fully,

MESSENGERS OF HOPE Enlistments and Contributions for the Week Ending February 16th, 1888. Lallie Griffin, Lewiston, N. C., \$ Chas. Griffin, Thos. Griffin,

Hanrahan, Pitt

county, N. C. Alfred M. Thompson, Raleigh Mary Wilson Johnson, offering,

offering. Howard Picard, Jackson, second offering.

> Amount paid in \$50. Amount on hand, \$8.24.

offering.

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 new little people, and I hope the other letters will not have a gag in their mouths, else what will become of my letter?

The next letter came from a new correspondent but apparently an old

"Dear Aunt Beckie: Enclosed you will find \$5 00 for the 'Memorial Cut.' ble letters in the Church Messenger you every success in your labor of and the Corsair, a walking turban. ove, I am very truly-

Indeed, my dear madam, no apolo-

ances of faith in the success of the work. I have never doubted it, and what has been already accomplished so faithful, and then "the children of quite effective. A stylish hat of Floragain.

The Capital sends the next : I am finding time to do a piece of jaunty hat is a low-crowned black embroidery, for which I will get some chip with a brim of ble-colored Engwho is only four years old, and 10 caught in large bows, with bronze and cents for the sweetest little baby sis- brilliant ornaments. Mixed with the ter you ever saw. She came to us bows extending around the crown are on Christmas morning. Charley says | yellow and white narcissus, with an he is going to pick up chips for abundance of green leaves. Grandma and make some money him-

self to send you. Our Christmas baby of course cannot work yet, but she will some of and the trimming made entirely of these days. Good-bye. Your little grasses, is both odd and attractive. friend -

first roll, and I remember, the first gilt and fancy straw material, with 25 cents you sent was earned by hav- puffing on the brim of tonkin colored ing your hair curled "ever so many net. The strings are rolled to form mornings" without crying. I am a bandeau in front, and brought us, and hope I will hear from you bow of straw-colored fine gros grain often. Tell Charley I am glad he is corded edge ribbon is coquetishly plac going to earn money himself. I do ed a little on one side in the bandeau. like to know the pennies have been The front trimming consists of a really carned! What a charming large spray of yellow roses and Christmas present the dear baby was! white lilacs. A bonnet made of cream-Kiss her for me right in the sweet pink mouth.

Raleigh sends this one too: "Dear Miss Cameron: .I send 25c for the 'Bishop Atkinson Memorial Cot; part of a dollar that was given are much in vogue. Ribbons will be to me on my birthday. Mamma reads as much worn as ever, and on some me your letter every week, and I am of the simpler patterns will be used

gers of Hope.' I am very truly your little friend.

And I am very glad to have you a if left to themselves—but in this case ming. think about it?

And here is Raleigh again! "Dear Aunt Beckie: I send you 10 cents for the Cot, my second offering. I sold one of my pigeons and I send you the money. Your friend --.

Jack, that letter is as brief and to the point as my great grandfather, Judge are also much used. Daniel Call, would have made it. You will be a diplomat some day if you adhere to such brevity in letters. You shape.

Northampton county comes last, but never least: "Dear Miss Cameron: Please find enclosed \$1.00, an offering to the Memorial fund; 50c from Mabel and 25c each from Howard and Ned. All well. With my best wishes,

Ah, madam, that pretty script is always a welcome sight on an envelope. Your children grew very near to me during the Chinese scholarship work when they were so untiring and faithful. I shall be very glad to hear from them at Easter, or at any time. Give my love to them, please. That ends the letters, except this

one from the treasurer of St. John's "DEAR MISS CAMERON: Yours with enclosure of \$46.89 reached me safely. & Danville system is \$12,000 per an-That, together with the \$3.11 handed num. \$50, for which I herewith hand you

"We are very much encourged in "Wishing you much success in can recommend.
your undertaking, I am, very respect. Dr. King's New Discovery for con-

they have begun. I have absolute will be the nominee. faith in them, and North Carolinians have never yet betrayed the trust that was reposed in their honesty and honor.

the officers of St. John's feel in having you to help them. They are 50 right to trust you, and you will prove The Endowment is now just bal finished. Let us go to work with 25 fresh vigor now and see how soon we can write completed across the work.

"AUNT BECKIE." 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, Hillsbore, North Carolina. Don't send stamps!

Lovingly yours,

New Spring Bonnets

The social devotee who withdraws into her religious cocoon at the beginning of Lent does so with the happy consciousness that the multitudinous fairies of fashion will be at work during all that time devising for her gorgeous raiment, in which, like a social butterfly, she shall emerge at Easter in dazzling and glorious ar-I hope you will excuse the ray. Indeed, these agencies have alliberty I have taken in using the ready commenced their work, and children's pet name, but I cannot though Lent has just begun, they are feel that you are a stranger, having quite far advanced in the millinery read your very pleasant and profita- line. It is too early in the season to predict what particular shapes will so long. I am delighted that you captivate the female fancy, yet so have put you shoulder to the wheel many different shapes are shown that in behalf of the Memorial Cot, for even the most fastidious can be suit 'Aunt Backie' knows no such word as ed. Among them may be mentioned fail, and I feel confident that the En- La Belle, Murska, a new poke, Bon downent fund will be raised. Wishing | Ton, Parisian, Kirmes, a walking hat,

A showy evening bonnet is of small coronet shape, the coronet front comgy is needed for giving me my Mes- posed of jet beads set in a puffing of senger title. It is a name that the coquelicot silk net. The crown Church Messenger readers had an op- consists of coquelicot silk net drawn portunity to grow very familiar on wires; strings of gros grain ribwith.

I am much obliged for your assurting consists of full bow of net with black and coquelicot aigrettes.

A pretty capo e, made simply of pleatings of white lace with trimis the earnest of what will be done. mings of black lace and a spray of The children, bless their hearts, are white flounces standing upright, is a larger growth" are interested in this ence braid, low crown and rolling work. I hope I will hear from you brim, seems to be in special favor. The brim is faced in black velvet, with a bandeau on one side made with heavy "I send in this letter 25 cents and folds of black velvet caught with gilt want to answer to roll-call, and again pins. The trimming is of shaded oin your band. I belonged to it a mais gros faille ribbon, composed of ong time ago, when I was a real little | bows in front, a band of black velvet girl. Now I am ten years old and am around the crown, a beautiful pombusy at school most of my time; but | pon with dark aigrette. Quite a more money to send you for the Cot. lish straw, rather on the poke shape, I send you also 10 cents for my dear faced with plain black velvet, trimlittle brother, Charles Earl Johnson, med in front with ble-colored silk

A lovely little bonnet of fancy straw brim, faced in with fancy lace, crown first covered with gold tinsel A bright evening bonnet has a rolling Yes, little Mary, you were on the brim, half to one side, covered with very glad to have you come back to round to tie under the chin. A small

colored tulle, with pink roses and colored grasses is very pretty. The crowns on all bonnets and hats are much lower, while the brims are wider. Rolling and half-rolling brims tions at this early day are that there is as much demand for gold on the bonnets as there is for the same metal wherewith to purchase the gaudy Messenger, Master Alf., and I think headgear. Gold is shown in all Paryou have made a very good use of part isian cheapeaux—bright gold, mingof your birthday money. Can't you led gold, with brown, red and green; have another birthday very soon? It gold lace, gold gauze, gold woven inis a bad plan, generally, to multiply to leaves and flowers, and goldthe birthdays—they come fast enough en passementeries formed into trim-

it wouldn't be objectionable, at least | Strings are much ... cer and longer from my point of view. What do you this season, and long streamers of wide ribbon and trailing vines are used at the back of many hats. Green still seems to be a leading color, especially in ribbon; also pink (old) and cashmere blue. Many grasses of all shades are seen, even those of the tints of dried grass. Tulles and crepes

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

How Men Die. If we know all the methods of ap-proach adopted by an enemy we are the better enabled to ward off the danger and postpone the moment when surrender becomes inevitable. In many instances the children send very much love to 'Aunt Beckie,' and say you will hear from them again at Easter, if all is dency toward death. Many, however, have lost these forces to such an extent that there is little or no help. In other cases a little to the weatened lungs will make all the difference between sudden death and many years of useful life. Upon the first symptoms of a cough or cold or any trouble of the throat or lungs, give that old and well known remedy-Boschee's German Syrup. a careful trial. It will prove what thou-sands say of it to be, the "benefactor of any home

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labor of love is being sustained - Ex-Governor Chas. Foster, of more liberally by the public, and I Ohio, says he has "no question as to hope that you will soon be on an as- the absolute and unreserved good sured basis for the daily necessities faith of Mr. Blaine's letter." Mr. of such a noble and much needed Foster says Blaine will not be a canwork. I think I can safely assure didate, and he expresses the confiyou that the children will finish what dent opinion that Senator Sherman

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