

I hope you will not present objection to the insertion of an opinion on the subject of the public printing, when that opinion favors the selection of the NEWS AND OBSERVER, or of Capt. S. A. Ashe, its long-time editor, in whichever form the question is presented. If in the former, then the NEWS AND OBSERVER stands out prominently as the journal whose State and party services deserve the recognition of the Democratic party. It is not a journal of yesterday, not an organ for the expression of personal opinions or the advocacy of personal ends; but one that has for many years stood with the Democratic party through good report and through evil report, which has advocated its principles on the high plane of ability, impartiality, and abrogation of personal claims, which, taking party principles as its text, and the interests of the whole State of North Carolina for its subject, has worthily won for itself the position of party organ and State paper.

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The public printing is the most valuable form in which public patronage is bestowed; it is the most substantial recognition of service the party can give.

The services rendered by Capt. Ashe and the NEWS AND OBSERVER, renewed and illustrated daily for a long series of years, without abatement of zeal, without diminution of power, put his and its claims beyond the reach of comparison.

"Palman qui meruit locat."

BRADSTREET.

FROM THE EAST. The following comes from a kind and valued friend in the county of Gates. It was addressed to another friend living at a distance from Raleigh.

DEAR : I see the NEWS AND OBSERVER at Raleigh is a candidate for the Public Printing. You will agree with me that the NEWS AND OBSERVER stands at the head of the list of able newspapers in this State, and, as an agent in behalf of the Democratic party, its labors are second to none. It would be a cruel wrong not to give this paper the printing. Its editors are first-class gentlemen and democrats, and deserve all they will ever get and more at the hands of the party. I hope the caucus will unanimously nominate the paper referred to.

Yours,

GATES CO., N. C., Dec. 10, '88.

THE North State hysterically dis courses in this style: "What a change! Cleveland is defeated! And since the election he has been practically deserted by his friends. He is no longer sought after; his receptions are meagrely attended, and everything about the White House is dull and lonely—far more so than ever before when a President was about to leave office." Yet all reports agree that the New Year's reception at the White House the other day was the largest and most brilliant ever held there. How are we to reconcile this with the North State's assertion? Can it be possible that our contemporary has been led into making a statement partisan merely, for party effect, without due regard to the facts of the case to which it addressed itself? Can it be possible?

The New York Herald of Wednesday morning thus describes the mechanical part of its undertaking to afford the astronomers of this country and of Europe on the morning in question an accurate account of the eclipse which occurred Tuesday: "In our main office was one end of a special wire reaching entirely across the continent, the other end being on the Pacific coast. During the day we were within instant reach of several stations in California inside of the belt of totality, and of Lick Observatory, on Mount Hamilton, which lay to the southward of it." A detailed account of the eclipse was telegraphed by experts stationed along the line to the Northern Territories from San Francisco to Miami, Fla. Preparations were made weeks ago, and no expense was spared to make the results satisfactory.

So perfectly did we accomplish our object that within sixty minutes, absolute time, of the first observations made in California—the most important by the way—they were in print in this office, and Professor Todd was reading the proof.

THE LEGISLATURE. The State legislature to assemble next week is made up very largely of farmers. It is thus in great part drawn from the home and view of the land, the ground-work and framework of the body politic, the class of citizens whose members in their daily pursuits lay the foundation for all the material superstructure, all the industrial and commercial achievement of the commonwealth. It represents a calling noted all the world over for honesty, industry, practicality and conservatism. Its leading characteristic should therefore be good sense and we anticipate the display of this admirable quality in its deliberations.

The fact that there are few experienced legislators in the body may tend to make legislation a little awkward at first, but we apprehend that the good sense to which we have referred will have the effect of making that legislation sound when it shall be effected.

There is no more valuable wisdom than that which goes among men by the name of "common sense" and if there be no less of this commodity than we imagine, judging from the composition of the body, all will be well for the State—better, indeed, much better than if there were too little of the heaven of practicality to be obtained only from men who live close to the soil, close to Mother Nature, close to the best inspirations that come to mankind.

We anticipate, therefore, a safe, conservative, practical body of patriotic men, whose deliberations will be marked by strong common sense and whose legislation will be in accordance with this characteristic. Time will show whether or not we are correct in our judgment.

We have received a copy of "the second annual report of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the State of North Carolina, for the year 1888," too late, however, for any extended reference thereto in this issue. It is a very comprehensive document, doing credit to the ability and fidelity of Commissioner Jones. It is divided into six chapters respectively on reports from mechanics, reports from mechanical and other employers, apprentices, manual and technical training, public roads and agricultural statistics.

The Charlotte Chronicle announces that "in a few days it will appear in a handsome dress of new type, which will make it the most attractive paper in appearance in the South, without exception." We "tell it out" with pleasure and without omra. With some others of the older contemporaries of the Chronicle, we hold that there are some announcements for which a public journal in North Carolina really ought not to charge.

We are going to have a common sense legislature. It is to be made up largely of farmers and there is nothing more characteristic of our North Carolina farmers of intelligence than good hard common sense.

Raleigh is ready to welcome the legislature warmly as usual. It always enjoys the enlivening presence of the law-makers.

Fine weather prevailed pretty much throughout the path of total eclipse on Tuesday, it appears, and observations of great scientific value were made.

The Greensboro North State says Zab V. Walker, Esq., member-elect from Davidson county, will, in all probability, be the republican caucus nominee for Speaker.

A STATE SANITARY CONVENTION. A call for a North Carolina sanitary convention, to be held in this city Wednesday, February 6th, has been issued, signed by a number of prominent citizens of the State, among whom we notice Dr. J. W. Jones, president, and Dr. Thomas F. Wood, secretary, of the N. C. Board of Health, Doctors H. T. Bahamon, J. E. Tucker, John McDonald, Richard E. Lewis and Mr. J. L. Lillard, members of the same Board. Mayors Fowler of Wilmington, Fountain of Lenoir, Beaufort of Winston, Peterson of Goldsboro, Thompson of Raleigh and Goodrich of Henderson, Dr. Curtis, quarantine physician at Southport, Prof. Venable of the University, Prof. Martin of Davidson College, Prof. Simmons of Wake Forest, Dr. Emmett, president of the N. C. Medical Society, Dr. Battle, director of the agricultural experiment station, Dr. McKee, superintendent of health of Wake county and many others. We do not know that we can State the object of the convention better than in the words of the call itself, which are, in part, as follows:

"1. Many towns in the State have reached a condition of progress which have brought them face to face with the problems of sewerage and water supply, involving vast sums of money and the future health of unborn thousands."

"2. Our State has numerous locations, the merits of which are attracting the attention of physicians and invalids in many States, north and west, and these must be studied by us with definite purpose and concerted effort that we may present the public with authoritative statements as to the actual condition of unoccupied sanitariums."

"3. The questions involve, by the appearance now and then of pestilential diseases in States so intimately bound to us by railroad communication that their cause in our case is a philanthropic as well as a business one, that we must study them and discuss them in order to disarm these epidemics of their greatest dangers, and to quell the panics that do more harm, if possible, than the pestilence."

city, at this stage of its development, instructed to the medical profession, must be dependent for its vitality upon the interest the general public takes in it, for it is the cause of the people. A convention, therefore, of the representatives of the people, officials cognizant of the defects of the sanitation of our houses and towns and institutions, and private citizens who have been studying with interest and practicing with all the lights they have, the minute of health laws, is a potent way of disseminating information and of studying our defects and the ways to remedy them."

Certainly it is in the highest degree important that the general public should give due attention to the matter the convention is to take in hand.

Dr. Wood, writing us of it, says: "There are, doubtless, in our State many citizens who have given the subject of sanitation, public and private, considerable thought and study, and who would join in a work which has for its object a broader and deeper knowledge of the principles and practice necessary to make our homes, school houses and public buildings healthier, to promote personal health and to devise more rational means of dealing with epidemics. Such a movement is especially opportune in North Carolina, as by reason of the comparatively smaller towns and villages the subjects of water supply, drainage and sewerage are more manageable. In so many places the time is opportune for mastering the situation in advance of the influx of large bodies of people. Now, work can be planned with economy. Some years hence, after disasters have overtaken us and we have spent large sums in expedients, we will at last have to apply the remedies regardless of cost or else repeat the same sad experiences of other States."

ELIZABETH CITY.

NEWS IN AND AROUND THE TOWN—THE NEWS AND OBSERVER DESERVES THE PUBLIC PRINTING.

Of the News and Observer.

ELIZABETH CITY, JAN. 2, 1889.

Christmas passed off very quietly. No one drunk, except one or two negroes. It is no Christmas to the generalship of color without "fire water." Some of the Sunday schools made the children happy by presenting Santa Claus loaded down with gifts for them.

New Year's greetings have been given, and all are turning over new leaves. The Methodist congregation watched to see the old year draw its last breath, and welcomed the new-born with prayers and songs. Its members assembled in church for prayer meeting service just before the old year died.

The pastor of the Baptist church, Rev. Mr. White, was taken completely by surprise New Year's night. A large number of his congregation met at his home, bearing various appreciable and valuable gifts. This congregation knows how to do nice things for its pastor.

The counsils round about have been alive for the last week with people going to and fro, attending the various union meetings of the Baptist denomination. Camden and Ouristonek union met with the church at Shiloh. It was largely attended and very enthusiastic. The union puts a colporteur in the field for all his time. A good move. Shiloh church was constituted in 1727, and is the oldest Baptist church in the State.

Judge Albertson has returned from his trip North, much improved in health.

C. L. Riddle, Esq., has returned from Philadelphia, where he spent the holidays.

E. F. Aydlett, Esq., has begun the new year with great promise. He hopes soon to take his son—a week old—into partnership with him. Mr. Aydlett is preparing several cases for the Supreme Court.

One of Raleigh's most estimable ladies, Mrs. Julia Fisher, is visiting our city, the guest of Rev. Mr. White.

We commend our two Senators, Messrs. Shaw and Abbott, to the citizens of Raleigh. They are gentlemen of worth and honor. "To be forewarned is to be forearmed." So I advise lobbyists to let these gentlemen alone, for they will save time and breath by talking to men of a different type.

Allow the writer to wish the NEWS AND OBSERVER a happy and prosperous new year. You deserve to be awarded the State printing.

The Deadly (?) Parasite. General Harrison insured his life on Saturday for ten thousand dollars.—Chicago Daily News.

The latest report is that Mr. Blaine will spend the winter in Washington.—New York Herald.

Several Cases of Blood Poison. Thousands suffer from blood poison, who would be cured if they gave B. B. (Bussing Blood Balm) a trial. Send to the Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga., for book of wonderful cures, that convince the most skeptical. It is sent free.

J. O. Gibson, Meridian, Miss., writes: "For a number of years I suffered untold agonies from blood poison. Several prominent physicians did me little if any good. I began to use B. B. with very little faith, but, to my utter surprise, it has made me a well and hearty person."

Z. T. Hallerton, Macon, Ga., writes: "I contracted blood poison. I first tried physicians, and then went to Hot Springs. I returned home a ruined man physically. Nothing seemed to do me any good. My mother persuaded me to try B. B. To my utter astonishment every ulcer quickly healed."

Benj. Morris, Atlanta, Ga., writes: "I suffered years from syphilitic blood poison which refused to be cured by all treatment. Physicians pronounced it a hopeless case. I had no appetite, I had pains in hips and joints and my kidneys were diseased. My throat was ulcerated and my breast a mass of running sores. In this condition I commenced a use of B. B. It healed every ulcer and sore and cured me completely within two months."

—New York city inducted its new mayor, Mr. Grant, into office Tuesday.

Spirit of the State Press. "If Gen. Harrison has a cabinet position for a Southern gentleman let it be given to Sam Phillips. He is honest and capable." We clip the above from the New Bern Journal. We are glad to see it. We hope the North Carolina press of both political parties will urge the appointment of this gentleman to a prominent position. Mr. Harrison can find no more suitable person of his own party in the entire Union for Solicitor-General.—Durham Plant.

It seems that Mr. Leszer, of Iredell, will be the Speaker of the next House in the Assembly. It is more than hinted that the line on which his followers place themselves and rely for success lies in his friendliness to the creation of a railroad commission and hence his supposed anti-monopoly tendencies. Let him remember Richmond Pearson and brace up. He has a big job just ahead of him.—Lenoir Topic.

No Longer Fashionable. It is no longer fashionable to make New Year's calls.

Oh, dear, no. Nor is it extremely fashionable to hang a basket on the bell pull, pull down a blind as though there was a funeral in the house, and then secrete yourself in the recesses of the cellar lest some good natured but unfashionable old friend should commit the faux pas of invading your privacy and discovering that you were not at home.

For the correct thing to do is to go out of town over the holiday—to Tuxedo, for Blackwell's Island, or Lenox, or Hunter's Point, or some other fashionable suburban retreat.

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