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THE PRESENT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

The election of Mr. George M. Rose, of Fayetteville, will be gratifying to his many friends, and especially to the people of Cumberland, who are in luck recently. Fayetteville now has a new Judge, a member of the Congress and the Speaker of the House. Mr. Rose is a lawyer who went to the bar since the war, and has had some Legislative experience. He is a gentleman of good standing and good abilities. He is 36 years of age, and was educated at Davidson College. He served throughout the war, having entered the army when but seventeen years of age. He is entitled to wear the distinction of Captain, having won it by gallantry and faithful service. The Raleigh News-Observer says of him:

"His first public service was in the House of Representatives in 1877, when as a leading member of the Judiciary committee he gained a reputation for judgment, discrimination and legal attainments. He was again elected to the House in 1880, and since that time he has been a diligent and careful, prudent manager on the Democratic side of the House. He took a very prominent part in the proceedings of the House, being chairman of the committee on County Government, chairman of the committee on the Insane Asylum and chairman of the committee on restricting the State. He was also a member of the committee on Privileges and Elections and of the Judiciary Committee. In the absence of Speaker Crooke he was elected Speaker of the House pro tem., and discharged the duties of the chair with great acceptability."

We congratulate the editors of the Asheville Citizen upon their election to the two Chief Clerkships—one in each House. Messrs. Cameron and Furman have both held places under the appointment of the Legislature, and proved themselves efficient and pleasant officials. The resignation of Mr. Gudgeon as Superintendent of the Deaf and the Dumb and the Blind Asylum, was a surprise to us. He has made, we have understood, a very capable officer and gave entire satisfaction. Mr. W. J. Young, a native of Wake and an excellent gentleman, was elected in Mr. Gudgeon's place. Mr. Young has been identified with this Asylum as one of the teachers for perhaps twenty years, and will make an excellent official.

We regret that Captain Tom Evans, of the Reidsville Times, was not elected Reading Clerk of the Senate. He was the old officer and was entitled to reelection by reason of faithful service to the Democratic party during the late campaign.

The Legislature was duly organized the first day. We hope no unnecessary time will be lost in getting to work in earnest. We know that from ten to fifteen days are literally wasted every session in filibustering and Buncombe speeches. We speak of that we do know and testify to what we have seen. A good working body can transact all needed legislation and be at their homes within forty days from the time they took up their departure for Raleigh. A short session will be popular. It costs some \$1,100 each day, and much can be saved by a diligent attention to business. The people like close attention, and will not complain if the constitutional limit of sixty days is reached, provided the whole time is spent in attending to business. There is one cause that will retard possibly the progress of the business—the large number of new members that know nothing of legislation. It will take weeks for them to get "the hang of it." But possibly the fact that there are so many new members may not be unfavorable to close work and dispatch of business. They will not be so prone to speech making as the old

members, and the great curse of all deliberative bodies will thereby be avoided to some extent.

We trust the Legislature will be a positive blessing to the State. A proper economy should prevail. Any tendency to extravagant appropriations should be squelched early. The people are very apt to find out all of the sins of omission and commission. If the Democratic papers should try to shut out the light the Radical papers will be sure to turn it on and in a stream like the calcium affords or the Edison electric burner. Legislation should be so prudent and judicious that there will be no need of concealment or condoning. Let the Democrats make a good record for themselves. It will be needed in 1884. Look at the majority of 1876 and then look at the majority of 1882. Every vote given, every act passed will be scrutinized by Democrats and Radicals. Let that be considered. We are satisfied that the economical showing of the Democrats in contrast with the extravagance and waste of the Radicals when in power was the most potent instrumentality for the defeat of the latter in the last campaign. Say what you will the taxpayers like honesty and economy in public officials. A wise conservatism and broad and generous statesmanship are needed at this hour.

In the matter of the Senatorial election the Legislature cannot be too careful. A blunder at this point may have a tremendous effect. It is the duty of the Legislature doubtless to send to Washington as Senator that man who can be of the most service to the State, and who can best reflect honor and usefulness upon North Carolina. Such, at least, is our view.

NOTES ON THE MESSAGE. Governor Jarvis sent in his Message to the General Assembly, and it is of great length. It gives a clear view of the operations of the State Government and contains a great deal of matter that will arrest the attention of all intelligent legislators. His discussions and suggestions are practical and business like.

Gov. Jarvis calls attention at the outset to the important subject of equalizing the valuation of taxes and raising the sum from \$167,000,000, the present valuation, to \$300,000,000. He says the valuation in some of the counties is very low and the exhibit altogether is not creditable to our people. The valuation is much below the cash value of property. The great desideratum is evidently, and as suggested by the Governor, a plan by which listing of property throughout the State could be made uniform. His remarks are judicious and statesmanlike. Many times this inequality and the low valuation of property have been referred to by us and a change of plan urged. Under the present system the burdens necessary to carry on the government are not fairly and equally distributed. The people of one county pay much more than their proportion as compared with some other county. This is one of the really important matters that the Legislature should consider. It does not follow because there is an increase of valuation that there will be an increase of tax. The rate will be lower simply on the \$100 and the amount raised will be the same. The distribution will be equalized, and fairness attained, which under the present system cannot be the case. We hope the Legislature will be able to devise a satisfactory and efficient plan.

Foreign Shipments. The German barque Apotheker Dining, Capt. Stunt, was cleared from this port for Rotterdam, Holland, yesterday, by Mr. Harding Johnson, with 3,553 barrels of rosin, 206 barrels of pitch, and sundries, valued at \$3,530.93; also, the German barque Carl Max, Capt. Beyer, for Liverpool, by Messrs. DeRosset & Co., with 309 barrels gum thus, 30 barrels of tar and 10 barrels of crude turpentine, valued at \$1,595; also, the schooner Annie R. Lewis, Capt. Lewis, for St. Pierre, Martinique, by Messrs. Edward Kilder & Son, with 206,274 feet of lumber, valued at \$3,719.94. Total valuation of foreign exports for the day, \$13,838.87.

Foreign Shipments. The following comprise the foreign shipments since our last. The British barque George Davis, Capt. Macomber, to Liverpool, by Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son, with 2,308 bales of cotton, valued at \$115,150; and the British schooner Mary L. Dunn, Capt. Hinde, for Kingston, Jamaica, by Messrs. Northrop & Cumming, with 147,749 feet of lumber, valued at \$2,368.85. Total value of foreign exports for the day \$117,518.85.

The Proposed Coast Railroad—Meeting of Colored People.

A number of the leading colored people of Wilmington met at the U. S. Court room in this city to consider the matter of the proposed Coast Line Railroad, which E. F. Martin is pushing forward so energetically. James D. Dry was elected chairman, G. W. Price, Jr., Secretary, and S. N. Hill, of the Wilson News, Assistant Secretary. E. F. Martin, at the request of the meeting, gave a detailed statement of the condition and prospects of the proposed road. He also had read the call for the meeting on the 17th inst., and the advertisement of the proposed incorporation. Price, Lowrey and Hill spoke encouragingly of the project. J. H. Whitehead offered a resolution, which was passed, to the effect that the effort to secure the construction of the proposed road by the colored people of the State meet the hearty approval of the meeting, and that the thanks of the same be tendered to Martin for the energetic and zealous manner in which he has prosecuted the work. Alfred Howe suggested the practicability of arranging the business details previous to the meeting of the 17th, in order that an approximation of the cost per mile of iron, cross-ties, grading, rolling stock, etc., can be arrived at. A committee, consisting of G. W. Price, Henry Brewington, R. L. Hutchins and F. C. Gadway, was appointed to co-operate with E. F. Martin with reference to arranging for the proposed meeting on the 17th, and the meeting then adjourned.

A New Enterprise—Wilmington as a Coasting Depot.

Under this head the Charlotte Journal has what it considers good authority for stating that Col. A. B. Andrews, President of the Western N. C. Railroad, is contemplating an arrangement whereby he will be able to transport coal from the East Tennessee mines via Charlotte to Wilmington direct, delivering it at this port at a very reasonable price—say \$3.50 per ton. The difficulty which the difference of gauge in the roads would suggest is to be overcome by a simple arrangement which the Journal explains, and which will save all shifting of trains or freight and expedite the transportation from the mountains to the sea. Our contemporary repeats that it is assured that the movement is contemplated in good faith, and that nothing but a refusal on the part of the Carolina Central authorities to co-operate in it will prevent its successful accomplishment. It has further assurance to the effect that, if the Carolina Central authorities refuse to enter into the arrangement, so earnest is Col. A.'s desire to make a coaling depot at this point, he will probably ship the coal by way of the N. C. Railroad to Goldsboro and give the Wilmington & Weldon road the opportunity to say whether it shall go by that route to Wilmington. The Journal adds: "This Tennessee coal will now be about as near to Wilmington as to any seaport on the Atlantic, and with this almost direct line of transportation, which is now nearly completed, it can be carried there as cheaply as to any other market. It would be a great thing for Wilmington's interests if the scheme is put into practical operation."

We join our contemporary in the declaration that "the Wilmington people ought to take hold vigorously of this enterprise, and if any of the former spirit of her people exists they will do so."

Accidentally Killed.

Mr. George Elmore, section master on the Carolina Central Railroad, and a resident of Hamlet, met with a sudden and tragic death on Wednesday afternoon. It is stated that he was engaged in lifting some heavy object, when a loaded revolver dropped from his pocket and exploded, a ball from which entered his body and killed him. The only persons present at the time of the accident were some five or six colored section hands, who gave this version of the matter. We understand that the brother of the deceased says the body was found face downward, with the pistol under it. Nothing had been removed from his person, and he has no suspicions of foul play. Mr. Elmore and wife were both natives of Duplin county, and the latter passed through for that place with the remains yesterday morning. Deceased was well known in this city, especially among the business men.

Since writing the above we have seen Mr. King, of Laurinburg, who says Mr. Elmore was sitting on a spade handle, which he was using as a lever to prize up a cross-tie while the hands were putting dirt under it, when the pistol was jolted from his pocket, and in falling was discharged, the ball from which entered one side of his neck, just below the jawbone. Deceased was between 35 and 40 years of age, and leaves a wife and three small children. The accident happened at Old Hundred, about three miles below Hamlet.

Foreign Shipments.

The British barque J. T. Smith, Capt. Lockhart, was cleared from this port for Liverpool, yesterday, by Mr. Eugene McDonnell, with 1,478 bales of cotton, weighing 695,788 pounds, valued at \$69,000; also the schooner Hortensia, Capt. Lambert, for Mergoane, Hayti, by Messrs. Northrop & Cumming with 145,404 feet of lumber, and 78,700 shingles, valued at \$2,595.84. Total value of foreign exports for the day \$71,595.84.

Mr. Joe McKeithan, of Middle Sound, who had his hand badly injured by the bursting of his gun on Christmas day, referred to by the STAR at the time, has suffered less from the accident than was expected. He lost one finger and had two or three others badly scathed, and is now getting along finely.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Raleigh News-Observer Report.

SENATE. FIRST DAY. WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3.

The Senate was called to order at 12:25 by the President, Lieutenant-Governor Robinson, and the clerk, R. M. Furman, was directed to call the roll of the Senatorial districts. When the first district was called Mr. S. J. Halstead came forward and presented his certificate of election. Mr. Caho said that he desired to state that the seat of Mr. Halstead would be contested by Mr. J. M. Woodhouse.

The President stated that in conformity with law and precedents the Senator holding the certificate would be sworn in accordingly. Judge McKoy proceeded to administer the oath of office to such Senators as presented certificates, and forty-five Senators were qualified and took their seats.

A quorum being present, the President announced that it was in order to proceed with the further organization of the Senate, and the first business in order was the election of PRINCIPAL CLERK.

Mr. Pinnix nominated R. M. Furman, of Buncombe, who received forty-two votes, and was declared elected.

READING CLERK. Mr. Caho nominated Wm. H. Bledsoe, of Wake, and he received forty-two votes, and was elected.

ENGRASSING CLERK. Mr. Linney nominated C. H. Armfield, of Iredeell, who received 38 votes and was elected.

PRINCIPAL DOORKEEPER. Mr. Scott, of Rockingham, nominated Wiley V. Clifton, of Wake.

Mr. Mebane nominated W. C. Coates, of Northampton. Mr. Clifton received 32 votes and Mr. Coats 7. Mr. Clifton having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared elected.

ASSISTANT DOORKEEPER. Mr. Linney nominated D. McMatheson, of Alexander, who received 41 votes and was declared elected.

The officers elected presented themselves at the bar of the Senate, were sworn in by Chief Justice Smith, and entered upon their various duties.

RESOLUTIONS. Mr. Dortch, a resolution proposing to send a message to the House informing that body of the organization of the Senate and of its readiness to proceed to business. Adopted. Mr. Womack, a resolution to appoint a committee of three to draft and report rules for the government of the Senate, which was adopted, and the President announced as the committee, Messrs. Womack, Morehead and Purnell.

On motion of Mr. Dortch, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

At 12 o'clock M. the House met for organization. The House was called to order by J. D. Cameron, principal clerk of the last House. The roll of counties was then ordered, and the members-elect from the various counties came forward to the clerk's desk, presented their certificates of election and qualified by taking the oath of office.

James I. Moore, of Granville, gave notice of contest of seat of A. H. A. Williams.

R. W. Parker, of Northampton, gave notice of contest of seat of R. B. Peebles.

The oath was administered by Mr. C. B. Root, justice of the peace.

On motion of Mr. Bailey, of Mecklenburg, a call of the House was ordered, which resulted in a quorum being found present.

The House was then declared ready to proceed with organization by electing officers, and in nomination for Speaker being then in order the following gentlemen were placed in nomination.

Mr. Bailey, of Mecklenburg, put in for Mr. George M. Rose, of Cumberland.

Mr. E. P. Powers put in nomination Mr. J. O. Wilcox, of Ashe.

Mr. Belcher put in nomination Prof. E. E. Green, of New Hanover. Mr. Rose received 69 votes, Mr. Wilcox received 35 votes. Mr. Rose having received a majority over all competitors, of thirty-two was declared elected. Messrs. R. B. Peebles, of Northampton, and E. R. Page, of Jones, were appointed a committee to inform Mr. Rose of his election and to conduct him to the chair. Mr. Rose on being conducted to the chair accepted the position in a short and graceful speech. He said: "I desire to return to you my heartfelt thanks for the high honor you have paid me in electing me your presiding officer. I shall bring to the discharge of the duties of that office all the fairness, all the impartiality and all the ability I possess, but in discharging its duty I shall be compelled to rely in a great measure upon that kind and cordial consideration that I feel and know each member of this body is disposed to accord to its Speaker. We have met to legislate for the people of North Carolina, and in our deliberations here let us not be carried away too much by party zeal and party influence, but let each man resolve for himself that so far as he is concerned he proposes to legislate

for the best interest of North Carolina. If this resolution is made and adhered to, when this General Assembly shall have adjourned and the Speaker shall rap his gavel for the last time, it will deserve and receive the plaudits of the people, and they will say well done.

Nominations were then declared in order for principal clerk, and Mr. J. D. Cameron was placed in nomination by Mr. J. D. Glenn, and seconded by Mr. Page. A ballot being had, Mr. Cameron received 101, all the votes cast, and was declared elected.

The rules of the last House were on motion made the rules of the present.

On motion of Mr. Stanford, of Duplin, the House adjourned until 1:30 a. m. to-day.

SENATE. SECOND DAY. TUESDAY, Jan. 4, 1883.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS. Mr. Dortch—A bill entitled an act revising and consolidating the public statutes of the State. Calendar.

Mr. Pinnix—A bill to repeal the prohibition act of 1881. Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Pinnix the rules were suspended and his bill was taken up, and after some discussion, passed its several readings and was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Pinnix—A bill to provide for a railroad commission and for other purposes, was ordered to be printed and referred to the judiciary committee.

Mr. Caho—A resolution of inquiry as to whether S. J. Halstead is entitled to a seat in this Senate. Referred to committee on privileges and elections.

Mr. Womack—Two bills to divide North Carolina into nine Congressional districts. Placed on calendar.

Mr. Dortch—A resolution providing that the judiciary committee of the two Houses constitute a joint select committee to take into consideration the necessity or the propriety of increasing the number of the judicial districts in the State and of the establishment of criminal courts, and report by bill. Adopted and sent to the House for concurrence.

Mr. Dortch—A resolution to raise a joint select committee composed of ten on the part of the Senate and twelve on the part of the House, to take into consideration the report of the commission to revise and consolidate the public statutes of North Carolina. Adopted and sent to the House for concurrence.

Mr. Clarke—A bill to authorize the election of county commissioners and magistrates by the people in the various counties in the State. Referred to the judiciary committee.

Mr. Clarke—A bill to provide for the working of the public roads of the State by taxation. Referred to the judiciary committee.

Mr. Payne—A bill concerning the registration of deeds. Referred to the judiciary committee.

Mr. Purnell—A bill to repeal chapter 141, laws of 1876-77, entitled "An act to establish county governments and to restore local self-government." Calendar.

Mr. Pemberton—Bill concerning with a memorial from certain citizens of the town of Albemarle, to repeal local prohibition act relating to said town. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. Scott, of New Hanover—Bill to amend chapter 200, laws of 1879, so that the provisions of said chapter shall not apply to New Hanover county.

Mr. Payne—Resolution of instruction to the Senators and Representatives from North Carolina in the Congress of the United States in relation to the tariff and internal revenue laws.

[The resolution instructs for the modification of the tariff and a repeal of internal taxes if possible, but if not possible or deemed advisable, that they be modified, and the Revenue officials be made amenable to State laws for violating the same.] Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE transmitting the intelligence of its organization and of its readiness to proceed to business, and proposing to raise a joint committee of three on the part of the House and two on the part of the Senate to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, was concurred in, and the president appointed Messrs. Alexander and Eaves to represent the Senate. Subsequently Mr. Alexander reported that the committee had waited upon the Governor, and his Excellency had signified his intention to communicate by message to-day to the General Assembly.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE transmitting a communication from his Excellency, the Governor. PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS.

The president announced the following committee: Messrs. Jones, Caho, Black, Purnell, Morrison, Dotson and Clark.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. The House then proceeded to perfect its organization by the election of its remaining officers.

Mr. W. T. Burkhead, of Rowan, was elected Reading Clerk. Mr. Julian, of Rowan, was elected Principal Doorkeeper, and Mr. J. P. Norton, of McDowell, was elected Assistant Doorkeeper. Mr. W. J. Barrett, of Lenoir, was elected Engraving Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Glenn a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate announcing the organization of the House and proposing a joint committee to be appointed to wait upon the Governor and notify him of the organization of the Senate and House. The chair appointed as a committee on the part of the House, Messrs. Glenn, Holt and Holton.

MEMORIALS. Mr. Bullock presented the memorial of George H. Parker, Esq., of Northampton, contesting for the seat of R. B. Peebles, Esq.

Mr. Powers presented the memorial of James I. Moore, Esq., contesting for the seat of A. H. A. Williams, Esq., of Granville.

Messrs. Bower and Lenoir each introduced resolutions relative to repealing the U. S. Revenue system.

The following bills were introduced and disposed of as follows: By Mr. Bailey, of Mecklenburg—A bill to repeal the prohibition law. Placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Bailey, of Mecklenburg—A bill to punish embezzlement by attorneys. Calendar.

By Mr. Overman—A bill to appoint a railroad commission. Calendar.

By Mr. Page—A bill to provide for the election of magistrates. Judiciary committee.

By Mr. Page—A bill to amend the charter of the Atlantic Coast Line. Committee on corporations.

Mr. Bailey, of Mecklenburg, during the introduction of bills, raised the point that no bill relating to the charters of corporations could be entertained by the House unless accompanied by the State Treasurer's receipt for the tax.

A message was received from the Senate announcing the concurrence of the Senate in the House resolution to appoint a committee to wait upon the Governor and notify him of the organization of the Senate and House.

The Private Secretary of the Governor was announced with the message.

On motion of Mr. Tate, a select committee of five was ordered to pass upon all resolutions and bills relative to the repeal of the revenue system. Adjourned.

THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

Raleigh News-Observer. The Secretary, in opening his report, refers to the crowded condition of his office, and asserts that until more room is given proper care cannot be taken of the public records and documents.

Within the two last fiscal years 1,189 grants have been issued, covering 122,915 acres of vacant public land, lying chiefly in the extreme eastern and western counties. There are now on file 3,205 deeds to the State for lands sold for delinquent taxes, covering some 284,838 acres of land and representing \$20,264.48 in delinquent taxes. The cost of these deeds amounts to \$10,000, which the State has already paid in the settlements with the sheriffs. It is pointed out, however, that the number of acres given above is not accurate, as the same piece of property has more than once, in some cases, been sold for delinquent taxes.

The Secretary specially requests the General Assembly to provide additional legislation by which offenders against the insurance law may be punished, the present law having been found insufficient by the courts.

Though a department seal has been in use since the war, the Secretary has found, upon investigation, no law authorizing the use of such seal. He asks the Legislature to authorize the Department to use the seal heretofore used, and to validate its former use.

Since the last report three numbers of the Supreme Court Reports have been issued, to-wit: The 84th, the 85th and the 86th. Of these numbers 272 volumes of the 84th, 361 of the 85th and 461 of the 86th are on hand. There are also on hand 208 volumes of the 76th Report; 198 of the 77th; 114 of the 78th; 51 of 79th; 9 of the 81st; 13 of the 82d and 10 of the 83d. He suggests the expediency of printing small editions of such books and thinks they ought to be stereotyped. He suggests also that the Secretary be allowed to direct the printer to print for sale not over fifty volumes of each journal and public document.

The Secretary is required to copy into an election book all the abstracts or returns of the State canvassing board. The canvassing board make out and sign their abstracts in duplicate. One of these is bound with the county returns of which it is an abstract and filed away. The other is of no special use, at least no discretion whatever is given for its disposal. It is suggested that these extra abstracts, original in fact, be bound up together, from time to time, and thus form an election book, and for the reason that thus only can an absolutely correct election book be had.

An election book is a great convenience for reference and ought to be continued. The mode of making it should be reliable.

The total amount of collections from all sources, made by the department and paid into the treasury during the two fiscal years ending the 30th of September, 1882, is \$51,657.49.

REPORT OF TREASURER WORTH.

Raleigh News-Observer.

Dr. Worth's report of the operations of the treasury department for the past two years contains much that is of interest. The authority to compromise the State debt, under the act of 1879, expired on January 1, 1882, and since then nothing has been done in that matter. The amount of old debt recognized by the Legislature was \$12,627,045. There has been compromised of this \$2,820,745, leaving \$3,806,300 of the old debt outstanding, which if compromised would amount to \$888,870. The debt already compromised amounts in new four per cent. bonds to \$2,019,442.25. Should the balance of this old debt be compromised the 4 per cent. bonded debt would be increased to \$5,895,571.25, the interest on which would be \$143,582; at present the interest charge for this debt is \$104,025. There is another class of bonds known as the North Carolina Railroad construction bonds, of which \$2,795,000 were outstanding. These bonds were funded into new 6 per cent. bonds, the creditors throwing off \$240 of interest on each bond. Of these \$1,720,000 have been refunded, the annual interest on which is \$103,200. To pay a part of this interest, the Treasurer has received from dividends of the North Carolina R. R. \$29,460.

Provision was made for the payment of all the interest on the bonds, and there is now a considerable fund on hand credited to the interest account, because some of the bondholders have not accepted the compromise, thus leaving the interest money applicable to those bonds in the treasury.

The ordinary expenses of the government for 1882 and 1883, being legislative years, are estimated at \$544,000—for 1884, \$489,000. The taxation required to meet this, as we understand it, need not be greater than 28 cents on the \$100 worth of property, together with the other present sources of income.

The Treasurer says: I have received from the Western North Carolina Railroad company, \$520,000 of its mortgage bonds, bearing interest at six per cent. pro annum from the first day of January, 1881, issued under chapter twenty of the laws of the special session of 1880, and required to be delivered to the Treasurer of the State by sections twelve and twenty-four of said chapter, upon which no interest has been received.

There was a balance in the treasury October 1, 1882, of \$286,455, of which \$32,265 belonged to the educational fund and \$254,189 belonged to the general fund.

SMALL-POX.

Wilson Denies the Report that the Disease is Spreading in that Place.

[Special Star Telegram.] WILSON, N. C., Jan. 5.—The report that small-pox is spreading in Wilson is untrue. There have been only two cases; one is convalescent and the other was promptly removed to the country. Every precaution has been used to prevent the spread of the disease. JOHN E. WOODARD, Mayor.

TENNESSEE.

A Summary Mode of Settling an Election Dispute—The Defalcation in the State Treasury.

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.] CHATTANOOGA, Jan. 6.—A disagreement about holding a local election in Cleveland to-day resulted in the City Marshal, after the election had proceeded for an hour, taking the ballot boxes and hurling them and their contents into the fire. The Sheriff, who was holding the election, disputed his right to do so. The election will have to be held again.

NASHVILLE, Jan. 6.—A special from Milan, Tenn., says that State Treasurer Polk, accompanied by a friend, a Mexican servant, reached Milan Wednesday night, and left Thursday morning. It is supposed, in the direction of Northern Mexico, where the Polks have an interest in a silver mine. Their baggage was checked for New Orleans. Col. Marshall Polk's family stayed at Milan Friday night and, went to Bolivar, their old home, this morning. The House of Representatives adopted a resolution for a joint committee to investigate the shortage in accounts in the Treasury, and ascertain whether the money was lost by speculation or loaned to personal friends, whether the defalcation is of recent occurrence, or of long standing, and whether concealed alone by the Treasurer or with the connivance of others, and report the result as early as practicable. It has thus far been positively discovered by proof that the defalcation began five years ago; also, that one check drawn by the Treasurer for \$57,000 went to pay his interest in a silver mine in Mexico, and it is believed that he also supplied money to pay for another interest of one of his partners in the mine. It is known that \$125,000 of public funds belonging to the Treasurer's account are on deposit in two of the Nashville banks, and it is hoped that there are other sums in other banks. Polk had been interested in various speculative schemes in Tennessee in large amounts.

GEORGIA.

A Negro Murderer Killed by his Victim—Deaths at Savannah.

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.] DAHLIA, Jan. 6.—To-day on the turpentine farm of Mr. Hayman, about twenty miles from here, a negro entered Hayman's house, while the latter was at dinner, and fired at and wounded him. Hayman knocked the negro down, took the pistol and shot him. Both have died of their wounds. Hayman was a respectable citizen in good circumstances. He leaves a widow and children.

SAVANNAH, Jan. 6.—Col. Ed. C. Anderson, ex-Mayor and President of the Ocean Steamship Company, died this morning, aged 68. He was formerly an officer of the U. S. Navy and afterwards a Confederate Colonel. Dr. W. M. Charters, a prominent citizen, died to-day, aged 78.

COTTON.

A Summary of the Crop to Date.

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.] NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Receipts of cotton at all interior towns, 103,647 bales; receipts from plantations, 285,759 bales; crop in sight, 4,598,708; total visible supply of cotton for the world 3,170,765 bales, of which 2,563,565 bales are American, against 3,105,005 and 2,641,235 respectively last year.