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TO PROVIDE REVENUE

When the Republican Administration goes out of power and turns over the Government to its Democratic successor it will turn over a Treasury practically empty.

With an estimated income of about \$400,000,000 it will require at least \$500,000,000 to meet the expenditures.

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Pension reform, on the other hand, will reduce the expenses much more, if it be the right kind of reform, than tariff reform will reduce the revenue.

So far three ways have been suggested to accomplish this. One is to increase the tax on whiskey thirty-five cents a gallon.

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gate cost of the sugar consumed, so that free sugar which Mr. McKinley and his associate tariff builders gave us, was simply a fraud by which the Sugar Trust clears \$15,000,000 or \$20,000,000 a year.

If we cannot have free sugar in fact, then sugar should go on the dutiable list, and relieve the people of the \$10,000,000 bounty that they will have to pay.

The third suggestion, and the one that will be received with most popular favor, is for a tax on incomes, from which a large revenue could be raised which would come not out of the toilers who sweat for a living.

Whatever may be thought of it in this respect there are few who will deny that it is one of the most equitable and least oppressive systems of taxation that can be devised.

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Why, for instance, should we import our wagons, buggies, &c., from Ohio? Why import our agricultural machinery and implements from Ohio and Illinois?

Furniture is another thing for which the South spends millions annually. Nine-tenths of the better quality of this furniture is imported from other States when we have the finest lumber in the world for making it within easy reach.

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FAILURE AT FAYETTEVILLE.

Assignment of F. W. Thornton-Liberties About Two Hundred Thousand Dollars - Preferences for Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Jan. 9.—F. W. Thornton, wholesale and retail dry goods and clothing merchant, assigned to Mr. R. M. Nimocks and Mr. A. B. Williams today.

The Board of Magistrates of New Hanover county met recently to consider the road question and appointed a committee of five members of the board to draft a bill to be presented to the State Legislature concerning the work of convicts on the public roads in this county.

At present the dealers are hustling to get their supplies from California or further south. Some exhortant, rascally men are trying to buy the cabbage crop that is now in the market.

The STAR regrets to learn that Mr. Henry R. Smith, son of Capt. Jas. C. Smith of the steambot Compton, and for several years bookkeeper for an insurance firm at Hillsboro, Texas, accidentally shot himself in the left arm with a gun last Saturday evening.

The Wilmington Lumber Company, organized here a few weeks ago by capitalists from Stillwater, Minnesota, has begun work on their mammoth saw mill and dry kiln plant, which when completed, will cost over fifty thousand dollars.

The mill will be forty-six feet wide by one hundred and fifty-four feet long. The piling for the wharf and building is being driven, and some of the foundation has already been laid.

Another question which will enter very materially into the discussion of this port is the long does the Northeastern Road extend? The Coast Line Railroad for the express purpose of utilizing it for its Southern travel, and if that road should hold a long lease of the property, it is not probable that it would seek to make the change suggested.

Good looks. Good looks are more than skin deep, depending upon a healthy condition of all the vital organs.

LET US HAVE GOOD ROADS.

The State Congress to be held in Raleigh this month.

A circular issued by the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce says: "Governor Holt has issued a proclamation calling together a State Public Road Congress in Raleigh, Jan. 19, 1899."

Mr. Leach, a petition regarding the appointment of justices of the peace.

Mr. Jones, a bill to repeal the act of 1891 in relation to executors and administrators.

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STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE. RALEIGH, N. C., January 10. President John L. King called the Senate to order at 11 o'clock.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House was called to order at 10:30 a. m. by Speaker Overman.

A petition was presented by Mr. Long to relieve the people of Alamance from the payment of the purchase tax.

Mr. Spruell, a bill to remove the Colored Normal School from Warrenton to Franklinton.

Mr. Watson, bill to amend chapter 543, Laws of 1898, relating to hunting dogs.

Mr. Byrd, for the relief of J. M. Woody, sheriff of Anson county.

Mr. Parker, on the repeal chapter 833, Laws of 1897, relating to the county commissioners of Jones county.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Raleigh Visitor: The curator at the State Museum has received a lot of fine roofing slate for exhibition at the Raleigh Fair.

Goldboro Argus: A colored woman, Mag McKinzie, of Broad-north township, was committed to the county jail in this city yesterday.

Charlotte News: Miss Nannie Hoke, postoffice clerk, died at her home at that place this morning.

Morganton Herald: Mrs. Lou Poole was found dead and Mark Currier was arrested on Saturday morning at his home on the W. N. C. R. R.

Oxford Ledger: Granville county jail has been empty since November 10th.

Washington News: Death of Senator Kenna, of West Virginia—Death of B. F. Butler—Blaine a Liability—Co. Troop Awarded for the Construction of the Cruiser Brooklyn and the Battleship Iowa.

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