

THE FORTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

The regular time for the meeting of Congress is the first Monday in December next, but an extra session having been called by Mr. Hayes (the acting President), both branches of the Forty-Sixth Congress convened on the 18th inst.

In the Fortieth Congress (the first session of which commenced on the 4th day of March, 1867,) the Democrats were in a hopeless minority. In the Senate the Republicans numbered 45 and the Democrats 9; and in the House 144 to 50. In the Forty-First Congress (being the first after the Southern States had been "reconstructed") the Republicans had 58 Senators and 151 Representatives, while the Democrats could only number 41 Senators and 78 Representatives!

Correspondence.

WE WILL BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE COMMUNICATIONS ON ANY SUBJECT THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST, BUT WE MUST INSIST ON A RESPONSIBLE NAME AND ADDRESS ON EVERY ARTICLE, AND ALSO THAT IT BE WRITTEN PLAINLY AND ONLY ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER.

FOR THE RECORD.

March 11th 1879. Mr. Editor:—We see an article in the Record of the 6th inst, purporting to be sort of an answer to ours on public roads. There is not a single argument or reason given in it, it is entirely worthless.

Lets see about him just a little. We intended our illustration playfully, though it had a point in it for John and not "big John." The cap fit "Tom" so well that he put it on, and wears it. "Little Tom" being wise, concluded that we were wrong, as "Tom" had the cap on, and he, "Little Tom" knew it to be a fact, it being a good opportunity to write "a piece" for the Record he volunteers for "Tom" and publishes the fact. "Little Tom" says, "I am no tax payer but I, for one, would never for one moment think of forcing widows who can not vote, to pay to keep up roads and free the negroes who can vote."

"Little Tom" who pays "no tax," concern himself, if other people want to pay, and have good roads. But enough of this. As to rabbit hunting two overseers claim the cup to fit; one other overseer said our article did not apply to him as it said nothing about wrestling, he said his difficulty was he could not keep his hands from that kind of sport. We of course intend no reflection—all this only goes to prove our position, that the present road system is entirely inefficient; time is lost, and still the roads not worked. The present system is unfair; it is unjust, and will not work.

Then you will see quite a different state of things, he would be responsible to the same old way? We answer emphatically no. The tax payer could well afford to pay a reasonable tax, and then put his services against a man who pays no tax. Every other public work and institution in the land is run by taxes, and yet in this matter of roads we only propose to divide, and require manual labor in part, and yet some object without giving any reason.

Require all between the ages of 18 and 45 with the exception named, to work four or six days in the year, levy a reasonable tax for the purpose, district the county, appoint Supervisors, put them under good and sufficient bond, pay them for their services, let them furnish every tool, then you will see a great change in our roads, and all will be satisfied. Where it has been tried, it works well. We are willing to risk it.

TAX PAYER.

FOR THE RECORD.

As our circulating medium is insufficient for our useful demands, the question is presented, as to a judicious and feasible remedy. I would suggest a modification of the National Bank Law by having banks of loan and discount, distinct from those of deposits. The former for the use of the great masses of the people, and the latter for that of merchants and traders in commercial centres, and for capitalists, who may wish to deposit money for safekeeping or convenience.

I would take great pleasure in meeting the honorable Board at the Poor House. I think that were you to meet there, examine and see everything as it really is, that we could advise and reason together, and do something which would in the end, redound to the interest of the county, greatly enhancing the comforts of the poor generally, and preventing much suffering among the poor dejected creatures over whom we have the care.

They are suffered to roam at large, just wherever their feet in their demented and distracted condition may carry them. Sometimes they wander off and no one knows where they are, and considerable time is lost in search for them. Some years ago two or three were found dead after they had been missing several days. Again, the present manner of keeping them warm and comfortable during the cold and freezing weather of winter, is altogether inadequate and detrimental. When the eyes of all the sane are closed in sound sleep they are allowed to rise any hour of the night and do anything that they are inclined to.

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Ad of which is respectfully submitted to the consideration of the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Chatham County.

The State Debt Bill.

The Legislature has passed the State Debt compromise bill. It appears that the debt the Legislature considers the State justly bound for, amounts in the aggregate to \$12,727,045, as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Item description, Amount, and Total. Items include: Old debt issued prior to May 20, 1861 (\$5,577,400), Bonds issued since the war for the Western N. C. R. R. (4,764,000), Bonds of the Wilmington, Charlotte & Raleigh Railroad Company (381,000), Bonds on account of same road (21,000), Bonds for the Western (real fields) R. R. (134,000), Bonds issued to Western N. C. R. R. (133,000), Registered certificates of bond of education (383,945), Bonds issued to the Wilmington, Charlotte & Raleigh R. R. (432,000), Bonds issued under the funding acts of 1866 and 1868 (3,888,000).

The Public Schools.

The Senate passed the School Bill yesterday as it had previously passed the House. The session is so near its end that those in charge of the bill feared that if amended in the one particular needing amendment, Had there been time the Senate would have restored the bill to its original shape and the House would have concurred in the change.

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