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THE Legislature has now been in session four weeks—about half of its allotted time—and yet the millennium seems as far distant as ever. Yes, strange to say, the price of cotton is no higher—indeed it is lower—than when our legislators were elected. Money is as scarce as ever, if not scarcer, except in the pockets of the legislators themselves, many of whom now have more money than they ever before handled and who no doubt think that the millennium has come at least to them!

But there is no telling what they may not do before the session closes, for they may yet bring to us the promised millennium. Certainly the RECORD will not prejudge them, but will patiently await the great reforms and blessings which have been so solemnly promised by our reform legislators.

Strange as it may seem, yet true it is, that our populist and republican legislators cannot agree upon the greatest measure of reform—that of county government. It was confidently believed that by this time a bill would have been passed by both the Senate and House to change our present and much-abused system of county government. This was expected to be done almost on the very first day of the session. In the campaign last fall every "fusion" candidate waxed warm and eloquent in his denunciations of our county government system, and he vowed that, if elected, he would wipe it out as soon as he got to Raleigh. And yet thus far no bill has been agreed on even to be introduced, although several caucuses on the subject have been held and a number of "visiting statesmen" have been called in consultation. The republicans are said to be solidly in favor of returning to the same system adopted by them in 1868 (which well nigh ruined so many counties), but the populists oppose this and think that some safeguards or protection should be thrown around the white people of those counties.

No bill has yet been passed by either the Senate or House to carry out another "reform" promised by our legislators, and that is the reduction of the fees allowed to county officers. Every populist speaker in the last campaign contended that the salaries and fees paid our public officers were too high and that they ought to be reduced. They insisted that, as the prices of all farm products had been so greatly decreased, the salaries and fees of our officers should be correspondingly reduced. Of course, therefore, it was supposed that this Legislature during its first week would promptly pass a bill to reduce the salaries and fees of all public officers (including its own *per diem* and mileage), so as to correspond with the low prices of cotton, wheat and other farm products. But thus far, although the session is half gone, no such bill has been passed by either branch of the Legislature.

One of the members of the House, died on last Friday morning and the Legislature took holiday that day in respect to his memory, but of course draw pay for the day. Gov. Carr has ordered a special election to be held on next Thursday to fill the vacancy.

The flood of bills that poured into the Legislature in the beginning of the session still continues without any abatement. It would be a waste of time to publish them, as of course most of them will not be passed. As soon as any bills of importance are passed (that is if any are passed) the RECORD will publish a synopsis of them. Thus far the Legislature has done nothing of any public interest, but the members are most faithfully drawing their pay.

THE annual session of the National Woman's Suffrage Convention was held last week at Atlanta, Georgia, and it was the first time that body has ever met in a Southern city, which just at this time seems quite significant, in view of the fact that the national platform of the People's party favors woman suffrage. There were present at this meeting the noted female cranks from all parts of the United States, and they "orated" quite eloquently over the wrongs of their oppressed sex. On last Sunday, one of them, the Rev. Anna Shaw, preached a notable sermon, in which she repeatedly alluded to the Deity in a feminine as well as in a masculine sense. She also stigmatised as "a brute in the pulpit" the Rev. Dr. Hawthorne, the distinguished Baptist preacher, who spoke slightingly of the convention and its objects.

FOR several years the Federal government, in pursuance of an Act of Congress, has been compiling and publishing in book form the official records of the Union and Confederate armies, being the official reports of the officers of each army of every battle in which they were engaged. In the last volume, just issued, are the official reports of the Union and Confederate armies in Virginia of their operations during the last days of the war. They include the reports of the battle at Hare's Hill (or Fort Stedman) on the [illegible], 1865, the evacuation of Petersburg and Richmond, the disaster at Sailor's creek and the surrender at Appomattox. Although all these stirring events occurred just thirty years ago, yet the reading of these official reports of them recalls them to our memory with painful distinctness, and we can scarcely realize that so long a time has intervened since they occurred. Those of us who were then mature men are now decrepit with age, and the young and vigorous are now old men, and alas, so many have crossed over the river. No one, who himself was even a participant in these events, can imagine the hardships and dangers endured by the Confederate soldier during those closing scenes of the war, nor shall we attempt to recall them now.

From the official list of paroled prisoners, published in this volume, we find that the total number of Confederates surrendered at Appomattox was 28,231. The greater part of these were without arms, being unarmed stragglers and extra duty and detailed men of every description. Gen. Lee, in his report, states that on the morning of the surrender there were only 7,892 organized infantry with arms and about 2,100 cavalry, and all of these, deprived of food and sleep for many days, were worn out and exhausted.

The total number of North Carolina troops paroled at Appomattox was 5,022 and they were embraced in 42 regiments and one battalion of infantry, 5 regiments and one battalion of cavalry and five batteries of artillery, all these [illegible] being mere skeletons of what they had been. Major-General Bryan Grimes was the ranking officer from this State, and the Brigadier Generals from North Carolina were Matt. W. Ransom, J. H. Lane, William MacRae, J. R. Cooke, W. R. Cox and W. P. Roberts.

Joe Turner's Speech.

From the News and Observer.

The funniest thing ever heard in Raleigh," said a Republican "on the quiet yesterday, "was the speech of Josiah Turner in the Fusion caucus a few nights ago. The old man arose to make a speech. He began by denouncing the Democrats very vigorously, and this pleased the Republicans very much. After a little, Mr. Turner reached the climax of his speech, and began to denounce Littlefield, Swepson, Graham, French as bond stealers.

(French was sitting by hearing this denunciation.) Presently, Littlefield [illegible]

"Mr. Turner, may I ask you a question?"

"Certainly," replied the exposer of bond stealers.

"Who killed Chicken Stephens?"

How in the h—l do I know," was his response."

This disgusted the [illegible] of Josiah's auditors. Somebody asked who admitted him to the caucus, and in the general [illegible] that followed, the [illegible] visitor found himself outside the room.

Negro Colonists For Mexico.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb 3.—A special train of six cars, with 350 negroes aboard, reached here today from Atlanta, over the Queen and Crescent road, bound for Mexico. Most of the negroes were picked up along the line in Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi.

The negroes go to Mexico under the management of the Mexican Colonization Association, which, it is said, has contracted with thousands of negroes in Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi to settle them in the northern States of Mexico along the Rio Grande, where lands will be sold to them on long time at low prices.

Another Republican Senator.

WASHINGTON, Feb 2.—Another addition was made to the ranks of the Republican Senators today in the person of Lee Mantel, elected Senator from the State of Montana. This makes the total number of Senators 86 and leaves the political complexion of the Senate as follows: Democrats 42, Republicans 39, Populists 5. The Senators comprised in the last named class are Allen, of Nebraska; Jones, of Nevada; Kyle, of North Dakota; Peffer, of Kansas, and Stewart, of Nevada.

A Lucky Find.

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 30.—Sixty thousand dollars in gold was found yesterday by J. J. Drew at his saw mill, near Hollandale, Washington county.

The treasure is supposed to have been buried during the civil war by Captain Barfield.

The destruction of a barn by fire at Plum Tree, Mitchell county, a few nights ago resulted in a loss of $4,000. Twelve horses perished in the flames.

Nearly Four Hundred Drowned.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—The North German Lloyd steamship Elbe, bound from Bremen to New York, was sunk in a collision in the North Sea shortly before daylight this morning.

About four hundred persons were on board. Only twenty were saved so far as known. It is reported that one of the boats containing [illegible]

[illegible]

For a time the Crathie held the Elbe on her nose, then her engines were reversed and she backed out of the aperture she had made. As she did so the water rushed into the Elbe in a torrent, and she began to [illegible]

The officer in charge of the ship immediately saw that the vessel was doomed, and gave orders to clear away the boats for launching. Three boats were cleared, [illegible] thought that all its occupants were drowned.

The first boat contained the Third officer, Chief Engineer, Purser and about twenty passengers. [illegible]

[illegible]

At the time of the collision the passengers were in bed. The bitter cold and rough sea had prevented any early rising, and none except the officers and crew on duty were on deck when the ship was struck. The shock and crash roused every body. The steerage was in a panic in a moment, and men, women and children, half dressed or in their night clothes came crowding up the companionways. They had heard the sound of rushing water as the other steamer backed off and had felt the Elbe lurch and settle. They had grasped the fact that it was then [illegible] death with them, and almost to a man had succumbed to their terror. They clung together in groups, facing the storm, and cried aloud for help or prayed on their knees for deliverance. The officers and crew were calm. For a few moments they went among the terror-stricken groups trying to quiet them and encouraging them to hope that the vessel might be saved. It was soon apparent, however, that the Elbe was settling steadily. The officers were convinced that she was about to founder and gave orders to lower the boats.

In a short time three boats were got alongside, but the seas were breaking over the steamer with great force and the first boat was swamped before anybody could get into it. The other two boats, lowered at about the same time, were filled quickly with members of the crew and some passengers, but the number was small, as the boats held only 20 persons each. The boat carrying the 21 persons who were landed at Lowestoft put off in such haste from the sinking steamer that nobody in it noticed what became of the other boat. The survivors believe, however, that she got away safely. They say that they tossed about in the heavy seas for several hours before they sighted the Wild Flower. The little smack bore down on them at once and took them aboard. They were exhausted from excitement and exposure. Several of them were in a state of collapse, and had to be carried and dragged from one boat to the other. Miss Anna Buecker, the only woman in the party, was prostrated as soon as they got clear of the Elbe. She lay in the bottom of the boat for five hours with the seas breaking over her and the water that had been shipped half covering her body. Although her physical strength was gone, she [illegible]

Restored to His Family.

[illegible]

People Starving in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb 1.—[illegible]

[illegible]

Killed by A Sparrow.

[illegible]

Cold Weather in Europe.

[illegible]

Whiskey's Fatal Work.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Jan 31.—John [illegible] Jarrell, a white man, living three miles north of here, was struck by a train on the [illegible] railroad near the [illegible] last night, and instantly killed, and his body horribly mangled. Pieces of his body was found near where he was struck, and his head, together with a few pieces of his body, were found near Jamestown, which is ten miles south of here. Jarrell was drunk and fell asleep on the track.

A Des Moines woman who has been troubled with frequent colds, concluded to try an old remedy in a new way, and accordingly took a tablespoonful (four times the usual dose) of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy just before going to bed. The next morning she found that her cold had almost entirely disappeared. During the day she took a few doses of the remedy (one teaspoonful at a time) and at night again took a tablespoonful before going to bed, and on the following morning awoke free from all symptoms of the cold. Since then she has, on several occasions, used this remedy in like manner, with the same good results, and is much elated over her discovery of so quick a way of curing a cold. For sale by Byman & Hedden, Pittsboro, N. C.

O. W. O. Hardman, Sheriff of Tyler county, W. Va., appreciates a good thing and does not hesitate to say so. He was almost prostrated with a cold when he procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He says: "It gave me prompt relief. I find it to be an invaluable remedy for coughs and colds." For sale by Byman & Hedden, Pittsboro, N. C.

Big Prizes For Big Hogs.

Charleston News and Courier, Jan. 28, 1895.

The News and Courier will pay $100 in gold to the two farmers or other persons who shall raise the two heaviest hogs [illegible] during the year 1895. [illegible]

[illegible]

A Bold Robbery.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] San Francisco, [illegible]

[illegible] size 50c and $1.00.

Baltimore's New R'y Tunnel.

BALTIMORE, Feb 1.—The first regular scheduled train to make a trip through the new belt line tunnel, which is six miles long and which cost the B. & O. Railroad Company $7,000,000, left Camden station shortly before noon today. It was the Philadelphia and New York fast freight, to which a passenger coach was attached [illegible] It is proposed to have the [illegible] April 1st. After that time no steam engine will be allowed to enter the underground passage way, which will be kept brilliantly lighted and clear from smoke.

Accidentally Shot Himself.

Special to the Charlotte Observer.

CONCORD, Feb 2.—Mr. Frank Sapp, of No. 6 township, about six miles east of the city, came to a horrible and untimely death last night by striking the hammer of his gun on a log, accidentally discharging it, the contents taking off the top of his head. The whole crown of his head was blown off.

He leaves a wife and five helpless little children.

Ex-Chief Justice Shepherd has decided to locate in Raleigh and will practice law.

Mrs. [illegible] McIntyre, of [illegible] county, gave birth to a child a few days ago that had [illegible] a huge bull frog. It died at birth.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 4.—Patrick Hebie, 50 years of age, and his cousin, John Hebie, 35 years old, and Michael Darcy, 21, were killed and 10 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Accident.

[illegible]

[illegible] county [illegible]

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