The Chatham Record.

THURSDAY, — — Jan. 17, 1901.

H. A. LONDON, Editor.

THE inauguration of our State officers, who were elected last August, took place at Raleigh on last Tuesday and was the most imposing and impressive function of that character ever held in this State. And it was eminently right and proper that it should have been so—elected as these officers were by the largest majority ever given in this State!

Nature hereself seemed to smile on this grand occasion, the weather being most propitious and delightful—as pleasant a winter's day as was ever known. From all over the State came crowds of our best and truest white men, and the ladies too attended in large numbers. Several military companies were present, and their parade was witnessed with much interest and added greatly to the pleasure of all.

The exercises were held at the east front of the Capitol. The oath of office was administered by Judge Walter Clark to each of the officers, Gov. Aycock being last and he then delivered his inaugural address, which we wish could have been heard by everybody in the State. Suffice it to say that it was fully equal to the grand occasion and its distinguished author. Of course all who heard it were delighted with it and were prouder than ever of the elegant leader of the white supremacy hosts in last summer's campaign. At night a reception was given at the Governor's Mansion, which was attended by an immense crowd, all eager to extend their congratulations.

And thus once more the Democrats, representing the best element of North Carolina, have control of the executive department of their State Government, and we confidently predict that Charles B. Aycock will be one of the very best Governors our good old State has ever had!

No previous Legislature has gone to work more promptly than this, and it is a body that seems determined to lose no time in transacting the public business. Many bills of an important character have already been introduced. Among them are the following:

A bill to regulate child labor in textile factories. Some bill on this subject will undoubtedly be passed. The owners of these factories realize that something should be done and may co-operate in securing proper legislation.

More than one bill has been introduced to restrict divorces and to repeal some of the recent laws allowing divorce on account of abandonment.

Two bills have been introduced to amend the constitution so as to allow the taxes paid by white people to be applied only to white schools.

A bill has been introduced to appoint a code commission to codify the laws of the State.

THE Electoral College of North Carolina met at Raleigh on last Monday and cast the eleven votes of this State for William J. Bryan for President, and Adlai E. Stevenson for Vice-President.

Mr. O. H. McLean, of Harnett, was elected chairman of the College and Mr. C. L. Abernathy, of Carteret, was elected secretary. Mr. H. L. Cook, of Cumberland, placed Mr. Bryan in nomination, and Messrs. W. A. Guthrie of Durham, and B. C. Beckwith, of Wake, seconded the nomination.

This meeting, of course, had no practical result but was merely a legal formality, as McKinley is elected by a large majority. The Electoral College is useless, and is a cumbersome machinery in the election of a President which should be abolished. The President and Vice-President ought to be elected directly by the people at the polls.

THE most notable feature about this Legislature is that no negro is a member of either branch. This is the first Legislature, since negroes were allowed to vote, in 1867, that does not have a negro member. For this we are indebted to the determined struggle made last summer for white supremacy by the true white men of North Carolina. And we would here ask any decent Republican if he really regrets that only white men are now our law-makers?

THE RECORD last week could give the names of only a few of the officers elected at the organization of the Legislature, but we now publish the full list. In the Senate they are as follows:

President Pro Tem.—H. A. London, of Chatham.

Principal Clerk—A. J. Maxwell, of Richmond county.

Engrossing Clerk—F. A. Claiard, of Catawba county.

Reading Clerk—Walter L. Cohoon, of Pasquotank county.

Door-keeper—J. B. Smith, of Cumberland county.

Assistant Door-keeper—George Bizzelstaff, of Rutherford county.

The House officers are as follows:

Speaker—Walter E. Moore, of Jackson.

Principal Clerk—Brevard Nixon, of Mecklenburg.

Reading Clerk—William Wilson, of Wake.

Door-keeper—Frank Bennett, of Anson.

Assistant Door-keeper—Y. B. Howell, of Montgomery.

Engrossing Clerk—H. B. Fonville, of Duplin.

The honors were fairly divided between the Confederate veterans and the younger men. The principal clerks and reading clerks of the Senate and House are young men—all born since the war—and the door-keepers of both branches of the Legislature are ex-Confederate soldiers—two of them having each lost an arm. These officers are also well distributed through the State.

Gov. Russell's message to the Legislature was read in both branches on the first day after its organization and is a more comprehensive and elaborate performance than might have been expected from him. He says he feels that the Legislature increase the Governor's salary, saying that the salary of the Governor is not adequate to meet the demands imposed upon him. He called special and emphatic attention to a subject which THE RECORD has heretofore earnestly urged. On this matter he said as follows:

"How to establish a system which will put on the tax books all property at about its actual value—a system that shall prevent unfair discrimination and increase the revenues—is a problem for the serious study of the law-makers.

Acting on Gov. Russell's suggestion the Legislature at once passed a bill increasing the Governor's salary from $3,000 to $4,000 per year. This bill was passed so promptly because it was passed before Gov. Aycock became aware that he would not have the benefit of the increase, as the constitution forbids his salary being increased during his term of office. No personal capital can be made by the Republicans out of this increase of salary because the Governor recommended it and it was voted for by the only Republican Senator Dolph (Wilson—who was on the committee that considered it.

The editor of THE RECORD is most highly appreciative, and here returns his thanks for the very flattering compliments paid him by his brethren of the State Press upon his election as President pro tem of the Senate. We shall ever strive to retain their good opinion and friendship, which we value more highly than any office, however honorable or lucrative.

A Cuban Town Burned.

Santiago de Cuba, via Hayton Cable, Jan. 15—Banes, a small town on the railroad between Gibara and Holguin, was totally destroyed by fire this morning. Some 50 houses and warehouses were burned.

The Banes Fruit Company, an American concern, had been employing almost the entire population of the town, and a large quantity of fruit and tobacco was in the warehouses. There was no insurance on the property.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY IN ASHEVILLE.

Asheville Jan. 10.—A bold assault and highway robbery occurred here last night about 11:30. Frank H. Stinford, a painter, was going home from work when he met a negro with a club on his shoulder. The latter passed him. A moment later a blow on the back of the head from the stick rendered Stinford unconscious. The assaulter had secured 20 cents and some keys, when frightened away by a noise in the neighborhood. Stinford was unconscious half an hour, but was able to go home when he recovered consciousness.

Washington Letter.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

Washington, Jan. 11, 1901.—Mr. McKinley has the grip, and if he is half as badly frightened as the leaders of his party are he is not to be envied. It isn't Mr. McKinley's present condition that has frightened the Republicans, but the possibilities it calls to their minds. When Teddy was given the second place on the ticket it was not with any idea that he would ever be President. That is why even Mr. McKinley's slight illness alarms them. They know the grip is treacherous.

Some of the Senators worked themselves up into quite an angry mood during the debate on the "canteen" amendment of the Army bill which has been before the Senate all the week, and unparliamentary language has several times been used. It is a tempest in a teapot, which has been encouraged because the men responsible for the bill would rather have the "canteen" than the big standing army talked about. The Senate voted against the "canteen."

The Nicaragua River and Harbor bill was taken up by the House and after a comparatively short debate passed without serious opposition. The "pork" was well distributed.

Representative Otey, of Virginia, named the House and at the same time told some plain truths concerning the objects aimed at by the Olmsted and Shattuck resolutions for investigations of the suppression of suffrage in the South. He said: "The legitimate end of all such agitations is negro domination in the South. It means the installation of carpet bagger agents of the demon of darkness and corruption. It means the coming of a buzzard glutted with carrion. It means the descent to hell of those who thirty-five years ago redeemed their homes in the prostrate body of the South, like those pitiless birds who fed upon the vitals of Prometheus when his helpless form was chained to a Caucasian rock. It means the return of those hobgoblins, clothed with carrion, that any healthy allowing the calling of their dead to their caldrons in Cuba, the Philippines and in Porto Rico, and cause such anxiety and a mosquito chase in China. Negroes need not think that we will have forgotten them in our prosperity. They are so helpless that we could not forget them if we wished to do so. They are so helpless that we could not even be rid of them, and at a cost of one of them it takes the space. As for the Shattuck resolution, it seems that nothing but the Olmsted resolution will pass. They will not pass until the debate on the whole, not until the small outcrops the hero, and until Dutchmen stop drinking beer and not until the billy goat butts from the rear.

Representative Champ Clark thus pulls his speech to the Lame Duck element: "Yes, the mountaineer or jayhawker, as Sam Jones calls them, those ignorant people who are too ignorant to change their political allegiance, they stay at home in idleness and the beautiful discharge not only his own political duty, but that of the five-hearted citizen."

Senator Morgan's credentials for his fifth consecutive term were this week filed by Senator Pettus. Senator Morgan is one of the ablest men of a body that has many able members, and one of the reasons for his prominence was well stated by the late Senator Davis when he said of Senator Morgan in a debate: "His memory, his capacity to assimilate and shed away all subjects are marvelous, to contemplate."

Solicitor General Richards made an unusual show at Congressional Hearings in unusual before the Supreme Court this week in the cases involving the constitutionality of Mr. McKinley's Colonial policy, the Government being represented by Mr. Harrison as private citizen who has held the highest position within the gift of the American people, and is entitled to respect, and it certainly was not respectful for Mr. Richards to refer to Mr. Harrison's recently expressed opinion in opposition to the McKinley policy in such language as a distinguished lawyer and statesman needs to believe, etc. It was a gratuitous insult to Mr. Harrison, which shows how resentful the McKinleyites are toward members of their own party who dare to oppose their imperial policy. It is not probable that Mr. Richards acted without the approval of his superiors in office, Attorney General Griggs and Mr. McKinley.

The House by a majority of one knocked out the committee Reapportionment bill and passed the Burleigh bill, which gives 20 members to the House making the total membership after March 4, next, 357, the additional members being apportioned to 18 States, as a result 194,182 of population for each representative.

Next to Reading Matter.

[Danville Register.]

Mr. Cleveland will not be permitted to write the editorials for The Commoner, but we venture the prediction that he will get his name into its columns nevertheless. And jam up against reading matter, too.

McBee Appointed Vice-President.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 12.—A circular signed by President John Skelton Williams of the Seaboard Air Line announcing the acceptance of the resignation of Vice-President and General Manager St. John and the appointment of Superintendent V. E. McBee as acting vice-president and general manager of the system, was issued here this afternoon. The fact that the circular recites that the order becomes effective upon its promulgation, anticipating the resignation of Mr. St. John, which was to become effective January 15, excited much comment. It is considered as confirmatory of various reports of sharp differences between high officials preceding the resignation of Mr. St. John. President Williams' action is regarded as extraordinary, and his apparent disagreement with Mr. St. John is generally deprecated.

The Editors Honored.

[From The News and Observer, Jan. 10th.]

The editors fared well at the hands of the Senate yesterday. Mr. Henry A. London, editor of the Chatham Record, was elected President pro tem of the Senate; Mr. A. J. Maxwell, editor of the Rockingham Anglo-Saxon, chief clerk; Mr. M. L. Shipman, editor of the Hendersonville Hustler, Calendar clerk; Mr. Walter L. Cohoon, who was formerly connected with the Raleigh Post, Reading clerk, and Mr. Yancey Kerr, editor of the Caswell Democrat, Assistant Engrossing clerk. That was doing the handsome thing by the quill-drivers.

Horrible Massacre.

Vienna, Jan. 10.—Stories of Turkish atrocities among the Christians in the Turkish Levant have become a regular feature of the Vienna papers. The Neues Journal to-day states that the Turks massacred fifty-two Greek Christians, and bodies of victims were chopped in pieces, and thrown into a well. The survivors were then compelled at the point of the sword to drink water from the well.

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J. A. BYNUM, Commr.

NOTICE.

All persons living in Chatham county, N. C., are hereby notified that immediately after this notice is published as required by law, petitions will be filed before the Legislature now in session at Raleigh, N. C., asking for the incorporation of all churches of all denominations in this Chatham county.

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