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From all parts of the State come reports of more personal property—especially solvent credits—having been listed for taxation this year than ever before.

This is one of the good effects of the much criticised revenue and machinery laws enacted by the last Legislature. In nearly every county men have listed a larger amount of solvent credits than ever before. It has been a notorious fact for many years that tax-payers generally have not been strictly accurate in listing their money on hand and solvent credits. While our farmers list their land for taxation, yet men who lend out money do not always list all they lend, and it is not right that farmers should pay taxes on their land and others escape paying taxes on their money.

And it is very significant that the criticism of the revenue bill has not come from the farmers of the State, but for the most part from men who have kept their property borne their proper share of the burden of taxation.

The labor agitator, J. F. Austin who pretended to be a preacher as well as the champion of the working people, has been arrested and jailed for stealing money out the money drawer in a store where the merchant's back was turned.

This is the man who [illegible] went to Durham and Alamance counties and stirred up strife and strikes among the cotton mill operatives in those counties. Before he went there they were contented and doing well, but he soon stirred up strife and made them so dissatisfied that they quit work and others were employed. While pretending to be the friend and champion of the laboring man he was only trying to [illegible] his own pocket and was trying to promote his own business just as was the case with many of the leaders of the Farmers' Alliance.

The strike of the cotton mill machinists continues with neither side seeming disposed to yield.

We regret to note that some of the strikers have been guilty of violence to the men who have taken the places vacated by them. Reports of acts of lawlessness and violence with strikers who have taken much of the sympathy away from what would otherwise be a just cause. While men may have a right to strike and may be fully justified in doing so, yet they have no right to prevent others who are willing to work and take the places given up by the strikers. Surely one man should not have so much right to work, his family or another, and quit work!

A Reunion of the Confederate soldiers of this State will be held at the middle of the month at Wrightsville. The Atlantic Coast Line has made extensive preparations to handle the crowds of the Soldiers and their friends who will attend the reunion. They say they will be able to run excursion trains from all parts of the State to Wrightsville on the 13th and 14th of August. Arrangements have been made to the railroads to sell tickets for a rate of one cent a mile for the round trip. This is granted the ex-soldiers and their attendants will be furnished with passes. As soon as all the arrangements are completed the official programme will be published in this paper. J. S. Cook.

The Legislature of Pennsylvania adjourned last week and no more corrupt body of men can be found, unless it be the board of aldermen of Philadelphia. Most of these corrupt legislators are of course largely Republican in politics.

It is published that over six million dollars were expended in bribing the members of the legislature to enact certain laws. We would suggest that the Northern Republican papers purify their politics and purge their legislatures instead of slandering Southern Democrats.

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Press Association is being held this week at Morehead City, and on Friday the editors will take an excursion to Morehead City.

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