

An effort is being made to collect about half a million dollars out of our State in payment of a part of the special tax bonds issued by the infamous Republican Legislature of 1868 and 1869.

The Treasurer of Rhode Island has made a demand upon the Treasurer of this State for the payment of the bonds given to that State, and of course our Treasurer has refused to pay them.

These bonds are not like those which were held by South Dakota. They were bonds issued by another Legislature and the State's stock in the North Carolina Railroad Company was specifically pledged to their payment.

Since the above was put in type we are pleased to note that the lower House of the Legislature of Rhode Island has by a unanimous vote adopted a resolution to repeal the gift, and the Senate will also adopt it.

The Laymen's Missionary Convention, held last week at Greensboro, was a most notable gathering and in every way was quite a success.

The large attendance and enthusiasm at this convention was most notable and remarkable. All who attended went at their own expense, paying their railroad fares and their hotel bills, and with no hope whatever of any pecuniary reward or political promotion.

The harmony that prevailed was such as it should have been among Christian men engaged in so worthy a cause. The fact that so many members of many different churches met together as brethren engaged in a common cause has been commented on and complimented by some persons and papers as if it was unusual or strange.

TODAY is the anniversary of the birth of General Robert E. Lee and for that reason is a legal holiday in this State and many other Southern States.

Even those who once denounced Lee as a rebel now acknowledge his greatness, just as those who denounced Washington as a rebel afterwards acknowledged his greatness.

THE superintendent and one of the guards of the Atlanta prison have been convicted of cruelty to one of the prisoners and the former was fined \$150 and the latter was fined \$100.

A Good Roads Meeting will be held at Raleigh next Thursday, the 27th, for the purpose of discussing what can be done to assist the various counties in putting forth greater efforts for the construction of good roads.

PERSONS are not particular or careful about signing petitions and recommendations, and many persons sign them indiscriminately merely to oblige the one asking for their signatures.

Saved at Death's Door.

The door of death seemed ready to open for Murray W. Ayers, of Transit Bridge, N. Y., when his life was wonderfully saved.

An additional judge for the fourth United States court circuit, comprising North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia, was authorized by the Senate last Monday.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16. The developments of the last week in the political situation have been interesting, if not startling. The telegraph has distributed the news throughout the country but there is a tenseness of feeling owing to the disruptions in the House and the Senate and an unsettledness in political friendships and alliances of long standing which will be referred to in the future history of the country as of great importance and perhaps as marking departures in political history.

The last week has emphasized the division in the Republican party between the progressives of the Roosevelt administration and the reactionaries of the present administration. The result has been to establish still further in political circles and probably in the public mind, the differences between the Taft and Roosevelt policies.

An international celebration to be held on the completion of the Inter-Oceanic Canal has been planned to be held in Washington in 1915. It is expected that every nation of the world will be represented. The President is expected to give his hearty support to the idea and the celebration is to take the form of an exposition.

That some members of Congress remember the weather of the last Fourth of March when scores of thousands of people started to Washington for the Inauguration, failed to arrive in time, or, arriving, failed to see any inauguration, is shown by the fact that the Judiciary Committee of the lower House is proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to change the Inauguration from March 4, to the last Thursday in April beginning 1913 so as to make necessary adjustment for a change of date.

New York and other Northern States were visited last Friday by a destructive blizzard. Snow was fourteen inches deep in the City of New York and the cost of removing it from the streets amounted to \$800,000.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy never disappoints those who use it for obstinate coughs, colds and irritations of the throat and lungs. It stands unrivalled for all throat and lung diseases. Sold by all Dealers.

Items From State University.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Jan. 13, 1910. Dr. Archibald Henderson this month has an article on George Merideth in the Deutsche Review published in Berlin. Dr. Henderson contributes in this country to the Arena, Scribners, Harper's Monthly, Current Literature, The North American Review and The Atlantic Monthly.

The Carolina-Georgia debate will be held in Chapel Hill about the middle of April. The Carolina-Washington and Lee debate has been postponed from March to April. This debate will be held in Greensboro.

E. E. Barnett, A. R. Morgan, W. L. Cooper, J. G. Walker, J. W. Freeman and C. E. Norman, represented the University Y. M. C. A. at the Laymen's Foreign Missionary Convention which was held at Greensboro. All of these young men are members of the student volunteer band and intend to go as missionaries to Japan, China, India and Africa.

A Wild Blizzard Raging

brings danger, suffering—often death—to thousands, who ake colds, coughs and lagrippe—that terror of Winter and Spring. Its danger signals are "stuffed up" nostrils, lower part of nose sore, chills and fever, pain in back and head, and a throat gripping cough.

There are about 1,000 tons of old Congressional Records and other useless public documents moldering in the vaults of the Capitol at Washington.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is not a common, every-day cough mixture. It is a meritorious remedy for all the troublesome and dangerous complications resulting from cold in the head, throat, chest or lungs.

On account of the blockade of the railroads by snow there was a coal and milk famine at Chicago last week, causing much suffering.

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A woman died last Sunday at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, who had been in a speechless trance for three months and a half.

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Labor Commissioner Shipman reports an increase during last year of eight papers in the state. There are eight morning and 22 evening dailies and 185 weeklies.

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The Atlantic Coast Line is preparing to build a railroad bridge over the Roanoke river at Weldon at a cost of one million dollars. This company has been using the bridge of the Seaboard Air Line at Weldon.

Are You Honest?

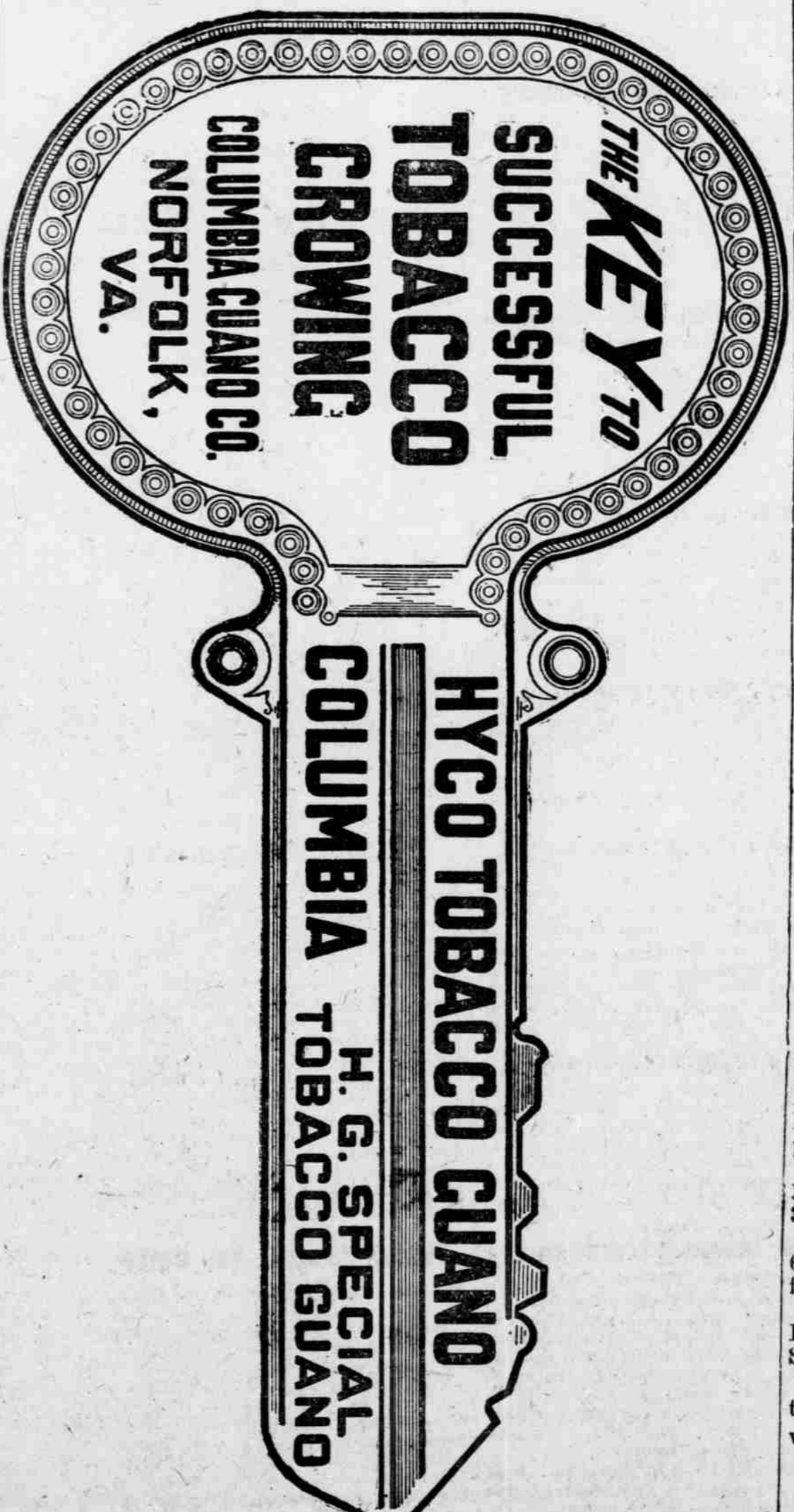
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Trains leave Pittsboro as follows:—No. 138—9:00 a. m., connecting at Moncure with No. 88 for Portsmouth-Norfolk, which connects at Weldon with the A. C. L. for Eastern Carolina points, at Norfolk with all steamship lines for points North.

No. 140—4:00 p. m., connects at Moncure with No. 41 for Charlotte, Wilmington, Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis, and points West.

No. 41 connecting at Hamlet with No. 43 for Jacksonville and Florida points.

No. 139 will arrive at Pittsboro 11:10 a. m., connecting with No. 88 from the South.

No. 141 arrives at Pittsboro 6:20 p. m., connecting with No. 41 from points North.

Trains between Moncure and Pittsboro operated daily except Sunday.

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