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THE CAUCASIAN'S RECORD.

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One year ago it was less than 800. During the last 11 weeks we have mailed over 19,000 copies.

The Mt. Olive Telegram is one year old.

At the recent examination of applicants to practice medicine in this State, three negroes obtained license.

The present outlook is that the next New York Legislature will be Democratic. It would have been democratic for the last ten years had it not been for a republican Gerrymander.

The Sixth Annual session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly will convene in the Teachers' Assembly Building, at Morehead City, on Tuesday, June 18th, and close on Monday, July 1st, 1889.

If a newspaper's statements of to-day can be relied upon to indicate its future course, we would judge that the New York World was gradually drifting into the debris of Harrison's administration.

"That is a wicked joke on Wanamaker to print his picture as the American eagle with a ten dollar suit on, the noble bird perched on a fourth-class postoffice and the legend affixed: 'A ten dollar suit and a postoffice to agents who sell Wanamaker's goods.'" -New Berne Journal.

The amount of filth, slime, trash and crime that is daily scouped up by the metropolitan press is something appalling. The effects upon the minds and hearts of young readers is bound to be deplorable and degenerating. We are careful that such stuff shall not find its way into our columns.

The Wilmington Messenger has made a "ten strike" by securing the services the veteran, ripe and well equipped Kingsbury upon its editorial staff. The Messenger was already daily growing more popular, and now, with the acquisition of the Nestor of North Carolina journalism, it will boom as no State paper has ever done before.

The U. S. Government has bargained for one half of the Sioux Reservation, containing 22,000,000 acres in North and South Dakota, from the Indians at $14,000,000. The New York World in speaking of the reservation says:

A barrier to civilization, the great reservation stands between the people of the East and one of the richest mining sections of the country. Save here and there at the agencies no white man is seen on the land, unless it be some traveler on his way to the Black Hills. One may travel for days in fact, without seeing an Indian, for the buffalo are gone and little game is left to attract the red man from his tent.

A Washington correspondent says:

"The Civil Service Commission has changed its rules by providing that hereafter the list of eligibles to appointment in the Government service and their standing shall be made public. The President today approved the change."

It is to be hoped that this change will produce better results. No doubt much fraud has been practiced, first by allowing the examination questions to leak out to favored candidates, and secondly by certifying for appointment the names of those who had received a lower grade. The above rule will have a tendency to check the latter evil.

The Samoan Controversy has been so easily and promptly settled that the question will be asked, Why were special commissioners needed for the purpose? If our ordinary Minister at Berlin was incompetent to perform a task apparently so trivial, why was he not superseded by a man properly qualified? Surely, three men in addition to the resident envoy were not required to sustain the interests of this country in a discussion of issues of no more importance than the control of a few coral islands in the middle of the Pacific. The Commissioners, however, will be able to visit the Paris Exposition at the public expense—and perhaps this was the real object contemplated, when their office was created.—Once A Week.

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in trust and confidence imposed in the Legislature. The old constitution was founded on the idea that the members of the Legislature would be gentlemen and wise legislators, the present that they will be dishonest and fools. Thus the General Assembly is now trammeled and guarded in all sorts of ways, to wit: The election of the Governor is taken from the Legislature and is given to the people, the Governor's salary is fixed by the constitution. The Supreme Court has been made entirely independent, and the Superior Court subject only as to jurisdiction. Legislature can spend only after it has gotten it and then not on its members.

Can't now levy taxes nor incur debt without yeas and nays being put on record. Can't embark in new enterprises on the State's credit without a vote of the people.

By provision in regard to taxation the poor are protected from the rich and vice versa.

In referring to the new provision in the constitution providing for the education of inebriates and lunatics the Doctor took occasion to get in a very forcible temperance lecture of a few minutes.

The causes for these radical changes in organic law, he gave as follows:

1st. Universal suffrage.

2d. The observation of great legislative frauds and corruption in other States. Though no charge of pecuniary corruption was ever made against any member of a North Carolina Legislature before 1868, yet legislative log-rolling has always prevailed.

The doctor pointed out as two very objectional features in our present constitution: First—The power of impeachment by a mere majority of the House and of delay of trial by will of a majority of the Senate, and second the facility of amending the constitution. By a vote of 37 members of the House and 16 members of the Senate an amendment can be put to a popular vote.

The conclusion of the address pointed out the dangers that arise from the conflict of labor and capital and other great modern evils. If changes are as great for the next 100 years as for the last, there is no telling where we will land. The young men of to-day must provide against these dangers.

Dr. Battle then in a very eloquent and forcible appeal called upon the young men to show themselves worthy of the great trust which God had put upon them.

This synopsis, embracing most of the points dwelled on, will give THE CAUCASIAN'S readers some idea of the able address, but even those who were fortunate enough to hear it, will have to see it in full in print, read, re-read and study it, to fully appreciate its scope and contents. On the other hand those who may read the address, but did not hear it, will lose the Doctor's felicitous style of delivery and the many sallies of wit and humor and appropriate stories about the men and times of the first century of our State that so enlivened and simplified the whole address to such an extent that even the children were interested in so mature a subject.

We know of nothing that could awaken more interest in the student of History and give him a desire to know more of our government and constitution than this address and if it is ever published we hope the teachers of this county at least will use it for that purpose. The Superintendent of Public Instruction of the county, who heard the address, concurs with us in this opinion. We hope to be able to publish it in our columns some time toward the latter part of June.

The county commissioners of Wake county have brought action against the Raleigh & Gaston R. R. to collect taxes on property lying in the county. Col. Hinsdale, the attorney for the road, admits that according to a Suprena Court decision of 1883 the company is liable to pay taxes on solvent credits, but under the Revenue Act they are exempt because the company's bonded debt is larger than its solvent credits. As to the Hodge suit against the 40 companies for not making annual reports of the receipts and expenditures according to statute, they say they have never been furnished with blanks nor notified to make to make such reports. Is it posible that there has been an understanding between the railroads and our State officers?

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A Powerful Organization.

Col. L. L. Polk remarked today that some people have an idea that the Farmers' Alliance is not a powerful organization and its business affairs important. To show what it really is he cited the case of the lively contest for the location of the State Alliance Exchange in Alabama. Four cities competed but Birmingham got the prize. That place gave money and other property to the value of $100,000. There will later be a State Exchange in North Carolina, on equally as large a scale. The Alliance is becoming a grand affair, and 85,000 or 90,000 members in this State wield a tremendous influence, particularly because of their organization, and the way in which they pull together. It is remarkable to observe the rapidity with which news flies among Alliance people. The grapevine telegraph couldn't be quicker.—Raleigh Co. Wilmington Messenger.

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