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THE RESPONSIBILITY UPON THIS LEGISLATURE.

The eyes of the entire State are turned upon this legislature. The masses of the people are looking to it for the institution of substantial reforms.

It is admitted that the common schools are very inefficient and unsatisfactory. This legislature should make no delay in finding the means to increase their efficiency.

It is not enough to say that the constitutional limit, as to taxation, makes it impossible to carry out its provision as to the common schools.

The election laws of this State are notoriously imperfect; they make both the motive and the opportunity for the most glaring frauds against the freedom and fairness of elections.

There are many other reforms, which we cannot mention now, which the people are looking for from this General Assembly.

But there is another class of citizens looking anxiously to this legislature. This class is composed of good men in all the walks of life.

Let this legislature proclaim to all the world, that the reformers are real patriots, capable of taking wide views and of doing large things.

There is yet one other class—small, let us hope—who have their eyes fixed on this legislature, for revenue only.

The joint caucus of the Populists and Republicans met in the Hall of the House of Commons, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Butler's name was presented to the joint caucus by a Republican; that party insisting that it should have the right to present the Populist candidate to the house.

Mr. Butler wishes his friends, and the public generally, to know that he is keenly sensible of the great honor that has thus been done him, and he wishes to return grateful thanks to all those who have stood so nobly by

The Legislature At Work.

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FREE COINAGE OF SILVER. Senator Abel, (Dem.), offered a resolution with a long preamble, setting out the conditions existing among the people, which conditions were a consequence of the currency situation.

IT MAY BE SO. The following words close a short editorial, headed "Butler and Pritchard," in yesterday's Charlotte Observer.

Butler and Pritchard do not rank above mediocrity. Neither of them will make any impression in the Senate.

We think our usually fair and courteous contemporary might have very well omitted this reference to the future Senators from North Carolina.

There is no certain way of telling how far a frog can jump, until you see him jump. Let us wait and see how our Senators measure up after they have had a chance to size themselves up with giants.

Mediocrity is ever more useful than showy brilliancy. And it will be far better for our new Senators and for the country too, to have their countrymen speak of them, in the future, as Faithful Senators, than it will be to have themselves referred to as Great Senators.

THE FUSION IS NOT A PUPPET. The Fusionist bosses called on Lieutenant-Governor Doughton and kindly offered to let him announce the committees they would name, and they would even let him have a hand in placing the Democrats in those committees.

This was very kind in them, but Mr. Doughton is a very different man from Speaker Walker. He told them, very politely, that if he assumed the responsibility of announcing the committees, he would make up the list himself.

Was there ever a case in the history of parliamentary government, in which the presiding officer of a legislative body assumed to appoint all the committees, without consulting the majority in that body until Lieutenant-Governor Doughton took that position?

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SENATE.

The Senate was called to order at 11 o'clock and opened with prayer by Rev. John Adams of the Senate.

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CLEVELAND IS CRUSHED.

And Endorses the Jones Compromise Currency Scheme - Silver Men Draw the Line.

AT GOLD INTEREST-BEARING BONDS. The Revenue \$60,000,000 Short. Max Campbell an Extra Session - Comments on the Election of a Republican Senator from North Carolina - Democratic Leaders Withdraw.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—There is ground for the statement that the President has lost his head. Like the party leaders in Congress he is demoralized and whipped.

Senator Adams said he had not opposed the bill as it stood, but he had not approved it either. He had declined to accept the bond on account of politics.

Senator Adams said that the intention of the bill might be unconstitutional. He was simply the "very old" man.

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SHOOTING SOUTH CAROLINIANS.

Matter With Pistol.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 15.—Yesterday afternoon Capt. James H. Tillman and Mr. B. E. Evans met at the law office of Mr. Evans to settle a question about a note given by Capt. Tillman.

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THE INCOME TAX.

Heardings Begun Concerning Its "Constitutionality."

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