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DEMOCRATS AND THE GOVERNOR.

Some of the Western democrats are urging that Lock Craig, of Asheville, be selected as the next democratic nominee for governor.

STATE'S MONEY FOR PARTY DEBTS.

During the campaign last year when the Republicans charged the Democratic officials with extravagance, the News and Observer and other Democratic papers said it was a campaign lie.

"One word of caution to the legislature: The last legislature employed more pages, more clerks and more laborers than were needed.

The last legislature appointed all those unnecessary clerks and pages in order to pay off campaign debts with the State's money.

PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS FIRST.

The Catawba County News (democratic) says: "It would be a pretty tale to tell if North Carolina would neglect her unfortunate insane and young criminals."

In the light of the past record of democratic legislatures it is not "too absurd to even think about." Past legislatures have done even worse, in creating new offices and increasing salaries of party pets, but it is to be hoped that such will not be the case with the present legislature.

The Raleigh Times states that Mr. E. M. Koonce, the member of legislature from Onslow County, will introduce another bill in the legislature against carrying concealed weapons.

Ask your neighbors and friends to subscribe to THE CAUCASIAN. The legislature is now in session and they will need the paper in order to know what the law-makers are doing.

An exchange says that Bryan is the biggest man in his party. And now the question arises, how big is Bryan?

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Raleigh Evening Times gives good advice to the members of the legislature. The Times says: "The hope will be expressed by the people of North Carolina that at the present session of the general assembly the members will endeavor to enact fewer laws and better laws, that they will be free and independent, in action and thought, that they will endeavor to keep down strife, and that they will deal fairly by all the people without attempting to fill the air with bitterness and the statutes with wild and clapnet legislation.

We hope the present democratic legislature will heed the advice offered by the Times. But if they follow the excellent advice given above we should at once expect to see the Jews flocking to Jerusalem, the fig tree green all the year round and no difference between winter and summer.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction has recommended compulsory education in public schools of the State. Before this is put in force comfortable school buildings should be provided and the schools so located that young children would not have more than two miles to walk to attend school.

The resignation of Mr. Cortelyou as Chairman of the Republican National Committee puts Mr. Harry S. New, of Indianapolis, at the head of the Committee.

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The Raleigh Times intimates that Mr. Josephus Daniels is after a job in the event Mr. Bryan is elected president next time.

On Wednesday, January 23d, the legislature will meet in joint session and vote for a United States Senator to succeed Mr. Simmons.

The public school teachers are paid less for the work done than any other class of people in the State—and still some of them can't get their money when they want it.

A letter from the far South has been received in Washington boomer "Hon. W. G. Tebault, of Louisiana, for Bryan's running mate in 1908."

Who is the Hon. Tebault? Does he go down to the barn to salt his cattle every morning? If he doesn't he is not eligible for the job.

The following from the Hickory Times-Mercury is to the point: "Let a law be passed saying that all county school boards must be elected by a vote of the people, and that it shall be unlawful for the legislature to appoint magistrates in the State."

The Washington Post has proof conclusive that King Edward is not democratic. The Post says: "One writer declares that King Edward is a man of democratic habits. And yet we never heard of his spending his time 'viewing with alarm.'"

Wouldn't Take the Risk. They loved each other, and there were no complications, but one of the girl's married sisters had nine children and the other twelve. The young man refused to take the risk.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

Some Squalls of Interest We Have Gathered with our post-pot and shears.

The new year finds Col. Bryan still the leader and the biggest man in his party, and President Roosevelt the biggest man in the nation.

There will be no liquor legislation this legislature. Simmons says the democratic platform declared for the liquor law as it is, and intimates that the people have declared for it just as it is.

That Beats All. Mr. W. S. Pollard, of this city, grew the largest beets last year of anybody.

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STATE LEGISLATURE IN SESSION.

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CRIME ON INCREASE IN THE STATE.

10,117 Criminal Actions Disposed of in State Courts During Year Ending July 1st—Increase of About 1,200. Attorney General Gilmer has completed his report of criminal statistics for the two years ending July 1, last.

These reports are based on returns made by clerks of court. During the year ended July 1, 1905, 9,584 criminal actions were disposed of, women being defendants in 726.

Assault and battery 302 and 340; abandonment 57 and 161; affray 852 and 890; arson 14 and 73; assault 369 and 346; assault with felonious intent 24 and 35; attempt to poison 5 and 1; assault with deadly weapon 1,250 and 1,256; abduction 8 and 14; bigamy 14 and 13; burglary, first degree, 5 and 6; second degree 35 and 14; burning other than arson 15 and 22; carrying concealed weapons 1,101 and 1,040; conspiracy 6 and 12; cruelty to animals 59 and 75; disturbing meeting 115 and 179; escape 81 and 80; embezzlement 58 and 40; adultery 265 and 294; failure to list taxes 666 and 601; false pretense 105 and 82; forcible trespass 171 and 199; gambling 350 and 315; housebreaking 61 and 62; houseburning 2 and 1; incest 7 and 5; illegal registration 21 and none; larceny 1,023 and 1,004; nonrecy and receiving 235 and 276; libel 13 and 11; manslaughter 26 and 23; murder, first degree 38 and 54; second degree 59 and 51; malfeasance in office 6 and 1; perjury 31 and 42; practicing medicine without license 26 and 26; criminal assault 18 and 15; robbery 32 and 23; retailing liquor without license 1,004 and 1,222; selling liquor to minors 17 and 5; and selling it on Sunday 11 and 7; slander 25 and 26; seduction 16 and 30; riot 13 and 1.—Union Republican.

Coldest Weather in History in Manila. Manila, Jan. 8.—A cold wave is sweeping over Luzon and the adjacent islands. The temperature at Manila is 55.6, while at Baguio, the capital of the province of Benguet, it is 30.

So She Did. "Last week," began the teacher, "we took up the story of Lot and his wife. Now, who can tell me what Lot's wife turned to?" "Please, ma'am," said the smallest scholar, "she turned to look."—Perrine Lambert in Woman's Home Companion for January.

Remember that drinking to a man's health will not prolong life.—Selected.

Should We Have a Reformatory? [Wilkesboro Chronicle.]

There is a lot being said about a Reformatory for young criminals and the legislature which convenes on the 9th of January, will be asked to establish a State institution of this kind.

We favor the establishment of such an institution, not because it commends itself as a proper and right policy under normal and healthy conditions, but because under the deformed conditions of society now, it looks like a necessity for self-preservation.

But the fact is that the reformatory should begin "higher up." The home should be reformed. The only sure cure for young criminals is the home cure, and as long as the children are "bored" at home the land will be overrun with criminals.

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FOUR ECLIPSES THIS YEAR.

Astronomical phenomena for the year 1907 will embrace four eclipses, two of the sun and two of the moon.

A partial eclipse of the moon, January 29, will be partly visible in the United States, the moon setting eclipsed as seen from the greater portion of this country.

A partial eclipse of the sun, July 10, visible in all of North America and parts of the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean, and just at sunset on the west coast of Africa.

The most interesting phenomenon of this year, and the one of most scientific value, will be the transit of the planet Mercury on the morning of November 14, which will be generally visible in the United States, the sun rising with the little planet visible across the disk of the great king of day.

Not a Family Affair. Geraldine—"If you kiss me I'll call my mother." Gerald—"That's all the good it will do her; I'm no Hobson."—H. I. Horton in Woman's Companion for January.

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A Man Who Suffered in the White House

Ida M. Tarbell, writing of "The Tariff in Our Times" in the American Magazine, presents many interesting pictures of the great political and business generals who figure in her narrative.

"Certainly Johnson suffered throughout his four years as President as few people at the time realized. One of his secretaries once said that in the two years he was with him in the White House he never saw him smile but once.

Champ Briggs Lay 24 Hours Beside Him in Snow. Murphy, N. C., Jan. 6.—Champ Briggs, who lives on Shelton Laurel, was frozen so severely on Sunday night, December 23d, that it is thought that he will die.

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WALKER HANGS FOR BURGLARY.

Said on Gallows He Did Not Shoot Col. Holt.

Graham, N. C., Jan. 8.—Henry Walker, the negro who assaulted Col. L. Banks Holt, November 6, at his residence, having shot him in the face, paid the penalty of his crime on the gallows today.

Appal for Mrs. Myers to the Supreme Court. Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 7.—Judge John F. Phillips, in the United States District Court here, today allowed an appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

Failure Does Not Prove Incompetency. "There is a general conspiracy to lie about business success," says Will Payne in "The Mere Incident of Failure," in January Everybody's.

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21,797 Die of Snake Bites.

The number of persons killed in India in 1905 by wild beasts was 2,064, as against 2,157 in the previous year, and the number of deaths reported from snake bite (21,797) is also little smaller than that of 1904.

During 1905 more dangerous wild beasts were killed than in 1904. The official figures are: Tigers, 1,355; leopards, 4,811; bears, 2,236; wolves, 2,016, and hyenas, 554.

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Killed a Negro; Now at Large.

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HOW TO CURE CHILBLAINS.

"To enjoy freedom from chilblains," writes John Kemp, Esq., Otisfield, Me., "I apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Have also used it for saltburn with excellent results."

A Man, a Lynx, and a Pack of Wolves.

Charles G. D. Roberts, who writes about the backwoods and the forest kindreds and the fascinating game of trap and snare and chase, has given us one of his most robust and exciting narratives in "On the Night Trail" in the January McClure's.

WISER COUNSEL FROM THE SOUTH.

"I want to give some valuable advice to those who suffer with lame back and kidney trouble," says J. R. Blankenship, of Beck, Tenn. "I have proved to an absolute certainty that Electric Bitters will positively cure this distressing condition."

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THE RIGHT NAME.

Mr. August Sherpe, the popular overseer of the poor, at Fort Madison, Ia., says: "Dr. King's New Life Pills are rightly named; they act more agreeably, do more good and make one feel better than any other laxative."

Mother—I don't know what is the matter with baby. I've been singing to him an hour, and yet he doesn't stop crying.

CURED OF LUNG TROUBLE.

"It is now eleven years since I had a narrow escape from consumption," writes C. O. Floyd, a leading business man of Kershaw, S. C. "I had a run down in weight to 133 pounds, and coughing was constant, both by day and by night."

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