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# UNION COUNTY VISITED SHORT ITEMS OF NEWS BY SEVERE STORM

Tornado Leaves Death and Destruc-tion In Its Wake-Three Killed and Much Property Damaged.

(By Edwin Brietz in Charlotte Obser-

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Monroe, April 13.—Death and destruction and suffering and want were strown in the wake of a cyclone which tore furiously through the northern part of Union county early Monday night sweeping almost everything in its path before it.

Three are known to be dead with

Three are known to be dead, with the possibility of other deaths being reported. Eight others are injured, some of them seriously, and a score or more are homeless.

tore it into splinters.
Two small sons of Luther Williams

a farmer living four miles from Un-ionville, Hilton, 6 and Aubrey, 5, were the other victims. The two boys were killed as they slept, when the storm took the roof from their home and heavy timbers fell across their bed. It required six strong men to remove the timber. Entire families fled their homes in

terror as the roaring instrument of death and destruction swooped down upon them without warning. Farm dwellings, barns, corn cribs and other outhouses were picked up and swept away. Church and Schoolhouse Go.

The storm, which seems to have started at a point six miles northwest of here, swept northeasterly through Union county and on into Stanly, where damage is believed to have

been done.

It first struck the Polk home, a mile and a quarter north of Ebenezer. Here Polk was killed, several members of his family hurt and every building on the farm demolished.

At Ebenezer the church and school

nouse were swep away, but no farm houses were hit.

Two miles from Ebenezer everything on the plantation on Sam Preston was wiped out. Preston and his wife were seriously injured and have been hurried to a Charlotte hospital.

All that is left of the large Preston armhouse is a pile of rocks. The barn

is gone, the corn crib site is marked by a few stones; trees from Preston's orchard block the roadway and household furniture and farm are scattered over the field for a mile around.

When the storm burst upon them

in all its fury, Preston and his wife were sitting on the edge of a bed play-ing with their small baby. Preston put his arms around his wife and sought to comfort her. Then the house was struck.
Lifted Into the Air

The man, woman and baby went into the air together. As they fell Mrs Preston dropped the baby. Neighbors who hurried to the spot found the man and woman huddled on the ground. Preston's arm was still around his mile air.

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The Preston's lost heavily in livestock. A valuable mule was hurled 100 feet against a tree stump. The mule's body was pierced by a two-byfour scantling.
A horse from the Preston barn was

A horse from the Preston barn was carried several hundred feet into a patch of woods. It was found early this morning apparently unhurt.

Harrows, ploughs and other agricultural implements were carried hundreds of feet by the storm which departed as suddenly as it come. A sewing machine hung from a tree limb Bed clothes, wearing apparel, fron beds were underneath a tree just out of the path of the storm.

# VOLUNTARY UNIVERSAL

of the path of the storm.

TRAINING IS RETAINED Washington, April 12.—The senate refused today to strike out of the army reorganization bill the provision for voluntary universal training recently substituted for the millitary committee's plan for obligatory training. The motion of Senator McKellar, Democrat, Tennessee, to strike out was defeated 37 to 9. The action of the senate was expected to result in

was defeated 37 to 9. The action of the senate was expected to result in carrying the voluntary training proposal into conference for adjustment by senate and house managers.

Only youths between 18 and 21 we use of age would be accepted for the Winntary training under an amendment suggested today by Chairman Wadsworth and written into the bill The previous age limits were from 18 to 28 years.

# HUGH A. QUERY HONORED

BY AMERICAN LEGION Monroe, April 11.—Hugh A. Query editor of The Gastonia Gazette, has been appointed a member of the state been appointed a member of the state executive committee of the American legion by John Beasley, state commander, to succeed Major A. L. Bulwinkle, who resigned when he entered the Ninth District Congressional race. Mr. Query is an enlisted man and has been actively indentified with the organization since its inception.

The executive committee is now composed of the following: Wiley C. Rodman, Washington: J. N. Josey,

Hundreds of thousand of feet of valuable lumber were mangled in the storm's fury. Schoolhouses and churches vere lifted from their foundations and swept away, entire orchards were demolished and hundreds of giant trees, torn up by their roots, line the countryside.

Robert L. Polk, 30, a farmer living near Ebenezer, was killed and several members of his family were injured when the storm struck their home and tore it into splinters.

Mr. M. L. Shioman, commissioner of labor and printing and Federal director United States employment service in North Carolina, has accepted appointment as zone clearance officer for Zone No. 5, comprising the States of Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and District of Columbia.

A horse was taken by airplane last week from Los Angeles, Cal., to Santa Barbara, Cal., to be entered in an

army shows that \$7,038,334 of the \$14,167,693 contributed to the 1913 home service fund was devoted to the purchase or erection of hospitals, rescue home and other facilities. The heavy burden of mortgage was re-duced by \$1,881,913. Salaries of of-ficials also were bettered, the report

The Republicans of Catawba county named their county ticket Saturday and went on record as being opposed to the "so-called" revaluation act.

Internal revenue collections in North Carolina district in March to-talled \$19,797,831.36. Nearly ten mill-ions came from tobaco. Income taxes amounted to \$9,237,531.16.

.A Washington correspondent says it is understood there that Whitehead Kluttz of Salisbury, is to be appointed diplomatic agent and consel general ot Cario to succeed Hampton Gray, who was promoted recently Mr. Kluttz is now secretary to the international boundary commission, of which former Governor Robert B. Glenn is a member.

Three colored childre, climbed into an empty trunk at Durham, the lid fastened on them and two under five years of age were smothered to death and the third, 11 years old, was unconscious when found but recovered. PLEASANT HOME HONOR ROLL cently with influenza.

E. S. Grove, owner of Grove Park Inn, Asheville, has bought the Manor another Asheville hotel, the considerations being \$400,000.

Prof. H. W. Hayes, former super-intendent of the Methodist Children's Home, Winston-Salem, died Saturday in St. Louis, Mo. A wife and three children survive.

Mrs. Jimmie Mellon, of White Lake Bladen county, was preparing to shoot a hawk, dropped the gun, it was discharged, the load striking her. She

died in a short time. Thomasville's new census is 5,676 an increase of 1,799, or 46.4 per cent. Lexington's 5,254, increase of 1,091 or 26.2 per cent; Fayetteville's 8,877

ncrease 1,832, or 26.0 per ecnt. The congregations of Burkehead and Liberty Methodist Churches, in north Winston - Salem, Will consoli-date and have one church building, which is to be built at a cost of about

Rev. Dan Wheeler, Baptist ministe of Watauga county, attempted sui-cide some time ago by slashing his throat and parts of his body, with a knife. It is thought his mind is im-paired by influenza,

The inter-State commerce commis sion reports that railroad operating revenues for February, the last month of Federal control, fell \$8,654,000 below operating expenses, and threrby increasing the government's deficit in

Wilmington is to have one of the largest bag factories in the United States, to be operated by New York

Mrs. Bertha Strembaugh, of Sault Ste Marie, Mich., a travelnig saleswoman for a drug company committed suicide in Wilmington, Saturday, by shooting herself with a shot gun. She left a note, says a correspondent, in which she said that her health having failed, she would follow the cowardly example set by her husband, rather than become a burden on her relatives.

The annual pension bill for 1921 carrying \$214,020,000, passed the House Tuesday, without a record vote and was sent to the Senate. It covers claims of 624,427 veterans of the Civil, Spanish-American and Mexican

# RESTRICTIONS PLACED

ON THROUGH TICKETS April 12, -Sale

Atlanta, April 12, —Sale of through tickets except on one train to points north of Washington was discontinued today by the Southern rallway while the Seaboard Air Line discontinued selling tickets to all points north of Richmond.

Because of the unauthorized strike of railroad men in the north it was explained the railroads were not in a position to guarantee passenger traffic in that section. The Southern, however will sell until further notice night through tickets to New York on its train No. 35 leaving at midnight and arriving in Washington at night as the Pennsylvania railroad states

### WILLIAM H. WITHERS.

Kenneth Gossett, young white man was convicted of criminal assault on a white girl in South Carolina and sentenced to 40 years in the penitentiary.

Mrs. Elbert Hannabass and her three amall daughters were burned to death early Wednesday, when fire of undertermined origin destroyed the Hannabass home at Carter's Island, Bedford county, Virginia.

Mr. William H. Withers, of Maiden, aged 69, years, died at 7:30 o'clock this morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. R. Rhyne, on South Columbia street, where he had been since Saturday, Mr. Withers was slightly ill Saturday night, but his condition did not become serious until Sunday night, when he suffered a severe attack of heart disease which resulted in his death this morning.

Deceased is survived by five sons the survived by five son

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Mrs. Carolina Taylor Ledge, widow of Dr. W. A. Lodge, formerly a well known drugerist of Raleigh, and her charming the principles of the state of the state of the state of the manual report of the salvation of the state of the several powers of the state of the stat

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Heavner, spent last Sunday with Mr. A. B. Heavner. Misses Sudie Whitener, Bessie Leonard, Mattieleen Heavner, Alma Yo-der, Minnie Heavner, Ethel and Ila Brown, were Charlotte visitors Sat-

urday.
Misses Ethel and Ila Brown, spen Sunday evening with Misses Alma and Hilda Yoder. Misses Minnie, Okla, and Mattieleen

Heavner, spent Sunday evening with Miss Mary Leonard.

Messrs. Hinkle Houser, Mike Gilbert and Claude Self, spent last Sunday evening in Pleasant Home section.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Hoover and family spent last Saturday night with Mr. Luther Houser.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Leonhardt and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Leon-

family spent Sunday with Mrs. Leon-hardt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Leonard. Miss Alda Hovis spent Sunday even

ing with Miss Bessie Leanord.
Mr. Memory Heavner, and Mr. Austin Leonard, who have been working

in Gastonia, spent the week end with their home folks.

Miss Mary Leonard, spent Monday night with Miss Mattieleen Heavner. Mr. and Mrs. Audie Gilbert and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Grady Heavner.

Mrs. Eliza Heavner spent Sunday evening with Mrs. J. H. Harmon. Peach Blooms

First grade.-Fred Brown, Luther Ritchey, Ralph Yoder. Second grade—Frank Heavner, Al-

High Second grade.-Emma Har-

Third grade—Katheleen Armstrong,
Muriel Heavner, Gleen Harmon, Katheleen Leonard, Ruth Mullens, John
Ritchey, Annie Yoder.
Fourth grade—John Heavner.

Fifth grade— Annie Heavner, Irene Heavner, Essie Leonard. Sixth grade—Johnsie Leonard, Rus-sell Leonard, Gleen Leonard, Paul

Heavner ,Clyde Brown. Seventh grade—Ethel Brown, Ha Brown, Mattieleen Heavner, Okla Heavner, Mary Leonard, Alma Yoder. Teachers.

### PRESIDENT WILSON CALLS CABINET TO MEET THIS MORN-ING.

mitted tonight they saw signs of an attempt to expand the rail strike into "one phase of a world resolution."

Reports from field agents of the de-

e government's course in dealing ith the situation. Attorney General with the situation. Attorney General Palmer said no announcement as to the government's plans was to be expected before tomorrow at the earliest President Wilson today issued a call for his cabinet to meet tomorrow morning. It will be the first time he has met with his official advisers since his western speaking trip in the course of which he was taken ill, and the strike situation was understood to

kopert and Kent Greer plead guilty to highway robbery and conspiracy and Judge Finley, in Richmond Superior court gave Robert Greer a year on the roads and fined him \$2,000 and taxed him with the costs, the road sentence to be held up during good behaviour. Kent Greer was fined \$200 and each gave \$500 bond to appear at November and April terms of pear at November and April terms of Richmond Superior Court to show good behaviour. The Greers are from High Point and held up an automobile near Rockingham recently and rob-bed the occupants.

Fourteen years ago, Hugh Duggan was killed near Englewood, Tenn., Last week, Richard Derick returned to Athens, Tenn., and surrendered to the sheriff for the crime. Derick made his escape at the time moved elsewhere and changed his name Jiis family joined him. His wife died a few days ago and he promised to return, stand trial and give his children their right name. ew days ago and he promised urn, stand trial and give his o heir right name.

# PLATFORM ADOPTED BY THE DEMOCRATS

resentatives in Congress from our state, who have so faithfully and ably performed their official duties.

We view with great pride the able and successful administration of the affairs of the navy department by our distinguished secretary of the navy, and we denounce unjust and unparticular of the navy. triotic efforts of the republican party to discredit the great record of the navy in the war, for purely partisan purposes,

## Constructive Laws Passes

could suggest was resorted to for the some energed in the same length of time by any administration in the history of the country. The complete program comprises, among many others, laws providing for the following:

(a) A graduated income tax, which placed the burden of taxation upon those most able to bear it. of time by any administration in the history of the country. The complete program comprises, among many others, laws providing for the

Vocational education. which city and country may enjoy the op-portunity of acquiring technical training in his or her chosen voca-

The agricultural extension act, by means of which the benefits of science and experimental research are carried to the door of the hum-

(h) A non-partisan tariff com-mission, for the purpose of taking the tariff out of politics, and reliev-

eral trade commission for the pro-tection of honest business from monopoly and unfair completion.

j) The Webb-Pomerene law, and the amendment to the war finance

Reports from field agents of the de-partment were as yet not complete enough to permit determination of the government's course in dealing the United States may assume its rightful place of leadership in world trade.
(k) The creation of a great mer-

except that of Great Britain, which now exceeds our by a small margin.

(1) Establishment of the federal reserve bank system, which suphis western speaking trip in the course of which he was taken ill, and the strike situation was understood to have prompted the call. In some quarters, it was thought an announcement as to the government's course would follow the cabinet meeting.

THE GREERS PLEAD GUILTY AT ROCKINGTAM

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Robert and Kent Greer plead guilty to highway robbery and conspiracy and Judge Pinley, in Richmond Superior course would follow the cabinet meeting.

The green plead guilty to highway robbery and conspiracy and judge Pinley, in Richmond Superior course are speaking to shirk its duty to go coward, seeking to shirk its duty to go ward, seeking to shirk its duty to go ward, seeking to shirk its duty to sitel and the oppressed peoples of the world; it is at this very moment to try by having it go on its knees to go Germany begging for a separate that the government itself. This group, commonly known to the people as the "money trust", under the monopolistic control enjoyed by them, could, and frequently did, create currency panics, to suit their convertience, and thereby visited upon the helpless masses untold missent more to be held up during good behaviour. Kent Greer was fined sentence to be held up during good behaviour. Kent Greer was fined sentence to be held up during good behaviour. Kent Greer was fined sentence to be held up during good behaviour. Kent Greer was fined sentence to be held up during good behaviour. Kent Greer was fined sentence to be held up during good behaviour. Kent Greer was fined sentence to be held up during good behaviour. Kent Greer was fined sentence to be held up during good behaviour. Kent Greer was fined sentence to be held up during good to the resulting that the static terms and the sentence of the federal number of the sentence of selfish and the oppressed peoples of the world; it is at this very moment for the world; it is at this very moment of the world; it is at this very moment of the world; it is at this very moment for the world; the world; the world; the world; the world; the

The republican party, always the champion of special privilege for the favored classes, could not and did not correct these abuses, because that party was largely controlled by the recipients of these special privileges.

It is generally conceded by statesment and financiers, both here and abroad, that but for the magnificent functioning of the federal reserve banking system the war could not have been financed, and therefore victory could not have been financed, and therefore victory could not have been won.

(ni) The federal farm loan banking system, whereby the farmers of the country were relieved from the extortions which previously existed, and enabled to borrow money freely on tong-time and at as low rates of interest as are available to any other class.

Achievements in War

party is the only instrumentality available through which the American republican the dispersion of the republican about 4 cents on each \$100 of property.

Income Tax Amendment

We endorse the action of the general assembly in submitting to the votation of the outbreak of the world at the outbreak of the world war.

We therefore approve the action of the republican we world war.

We therefore approve the action of the general assembly in submitting to the votations of the country with Germany, including the covenant of the league of nations, without destructive or mulifying reservations, or amendment with the present income tax law.

We denounce the republican majority in Congress for its efforts at the present time to criticise the part with the present income tax amendment in the order to correct the inequalities of the present income tax amendment in the order to correct the inequalities of the present income tax amendment in the order to correct the inequalities of the present income tax amendment in the order to correct the inequalities of the present income tax amendment in the order to correct the inequalities of the present income tax amendment in the order to correct the inequalities of the present income tax amendment in th

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the war against Germany in April, 1917, we were without an army of any consequence. There were only ships. The democratic administration raised an army and raised it quickly. It required a fleet of ships to carry food, supplies, and the army itself, across the seas to save the liberties of mankind.

The corded to America the honor of finally turning the scales against the enemy and making victory possible. The only denial of our conspicuous part in this great achievement has come from the republican party in Congress.

Merchant Marine.

We heartly endorse the measure

Report Obstruction of

save the liberties of mankind. Raleigh, April 10.—The platform adopted by the democratic state convention here Thursday follows:

We, the representatives of the democratic party in North Carolina, in state convention assembled, reaffirm our devotion of the principles.

### Republican War on Wilson.

The republican leaders, as soon as the armistice was signed, entered into a conspiracy to discredit the President in his peace negotiations. Personal spite and envy were every-where discernible. Political animos-ity followed the President to the peace table. Slander, unjust criti-cism and threats of senate opposi-tion were constantly circulated, and finally the so-called remyllion finally finally the so-called republican "round robin" was signed and com-municated to the delegates assembled For six years the democratic party was in complete control of the government. During this period a greater number of constructive measures were enacted by Congress than the sole purposes of weakening the

republican leaders were determined to discredit and embarrass the Presmainstay of our nation—some of the to discredit and embarrass the Presbenefits which arise from constant and easy contact with the outside and the world. At the outset they "packed and hand-picked," the sen-Vocational education, by ate committee on foreign relations every bov and girl in both for the express purpose of defeating

Effort to Destroy Treaty. Their whole course for the eight months they have been considering the treaty, has been definitely con-ceived and relentlessly pursued for the sole purpose of destroying that blest farmer of the land.

(g) The establishment of a department of labor in the cabinet, partment of labor in the cabinet, succeeded in their unholy purpose. They have repudiated the treaty; have wrecked the league of nations; they have prevented world peace; they have repudiated a world leadership which all the civilized na-Washington, April 13.—Evidence of the activity of Industrial Workers of the World toward inciting and maintaining the unauthorized railroad strike continues to accumulate at the department of justice, and officials admired toward inciting and maintaining the unauthorized railroad strike continues to accumulate at the department of justice, and officials admired to politics, and relieving the injury that the civilized nations, including not only our allies, but also those who were not engaged in the war, accorded to America.

A small number of narrow and prejudiced partisan men, konstituting the republican leadership in the mitted tonight they saw signs of ing the republican leadership in the senate, have nullified what it took 2,000,000 American soldiers on the

field of France to accomplish. America demanded that the prom-ises made to our soldiers in 1917 and 1918 be kept—that there should be an end of war; that the fruits of unitary should be garnered and kept forever. America demanded an enduring peace. The republican leadership in the senate has repudiated a chant marine, which gives us a ship these promises. It has caused the tomage equal to the combined tonnage of all the nations of the world, except that of Great Britain, which

We heartily endorse the measure adopted by a democratic Congress which has given us a great merchant marine a great shipbuilding industry, and we favor all such additional measures of constructive or remedial legislation as may be necremedial legislation as may be necessary to maintain and operate under the American flag, the large
tonnage we now have, and also to
constantly increase that tonnage, until the American flag is supreme on
the high seas.

The large the postoffice department to its inspectors and railway mail officials
thruout the country for prompt reports on any obstruction or delay of
the mails.

Many officials reports from strike
capture have indicated activity of the

as have always been enjoyed by the great sesports of the north Altantic states, and thus removing unjust discriminations which have so long hampered and prevented us hampered and prevented us would be taken to prevent extension from exporting our own products and of the unrect among railway men to those of the western states through

our home ports.

We also endorse the action of the United States shipping board under allocating to our southern ports, in-cluding those of North Carolina, an ample number of ships for export traffic, thereby making it possible to establish regular shipping lines

to and from these ports.

We glory in the courage and fortitude of our soldiers who fought and
helped to win the great war, and we favor a generous policy toward them by our national government.

### Recommend Retification This convention recommends the democratic members of the gen-eral assembly of North Carolina that at the approaching session thereof they vote in favor of the ratification of the proposed 19th amendment to the federal constitution .

State Government. In state affairs the democratic party owes to the people responsi-bility for 21 years of continuous con-

fully collected reports of the United States census department.

Times have changed and North Carolina is no longer a poor state
Wealth has multiplied on every
hand. Increased wealth brings increased opportunities and responsibilities to the state, but makes none the less imperative the fundamental principle, to which we declare re-newed allegiance, that every dollar of public funds is a trust fund, to be administered with the utmost fidelity to the public interest.

Budget System Futher safeguarding economical expenditure of public funds the last general assembly established the budget system, for future appropriations by the general assembly, requiring that all demands for appropriations, from the state treasur except for emergencies be submitted to the scrutiny and investigations of

We approve the record of efficiency and economy which enabled the last general assembly to reduce the tax on property for the use of the state. State expenditures have necessarily increased, as the state has every year increased, as the state has every year enlarged the sphere of it sservice to the people, and with the declining value of money the cost of maintaining state institutions has necessarily increased but increased revenue has been secured by more efficient administration of other forms of tax, and the tax on property for the use of the state was reduced last year from 23 2-3 cents to 11 2-8 cents, and including both state and pension tax was reing both state and pension tax was reduced from 27 2-3 cents to 15 2-3 cents. Under the higher valuations this year this rate will be reduced to

HAND IN RAILROAD STRIKE SITUATION

### Department Calls on Its Agents to Report Obstruction of Mails.

Washington April 12.-Independent of either the investigation by the department of justice or the creation of the labor board, the government en-tered the railroad strike situation diremedial legislation as may be nec-rectly today through orders sent by essary to maintain and operate un-the postoffice department to its in-

Building up South's Ports

We strongly commend the action of the director general of the railroad administration in granting to our south Atlantic ports, including those in North Carolina, the same favorable rates upon freight for export as have always been enjoyed by the great sepports of the north Atlantic only, it was said, would such activity only, it was said, would such activity be dealt with summarily if the facts warranted legal proceedings but steps would be taken to prevent extension

> John Y. Jordan, chief deputy in the United States marshal's office at Asheville, has been apointed deputy cleark of the Federal court of the Western district with offices in Asheville, to succeed W. S. Hyams' resign-

of the general assembly, is to equalize the tax burden between all the people of the state as nearly as careful administration of just laws can accomplish this great purpose, and we sol-emnly pledge that under democratic control it will be used for this single purpose. We call upon all the people of the state to co-operate in this great purpose, to remove as far as possible all discriminations and inequalities in the listing and valuing of every class of property for taxation, to the end that every citizen may be required to contribute no more than his just share of the public burden, and we pledge the party to the enactment of appropriate amendatory legislation to cor-rect any injustice to any citizen or class of citizens that may develop in the administration of our tax laws.

many others, laws providing for sme following:

(a) A graduated income tax, which placed the burden of taxation upon those most able to hear it. (b) The completion of the measures for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. (c) Providing for publicity of campaign expenditures, for the purpose of preventing the scandalous use of money in primaries and elections. The imperative need of such laws has recently been demonstrated laws has recently been demonstrated. (b) The completion of the measures for the election of United States and envy and political bias characterized the republican leadership in the senate, in their attitude toward the President came back with the treaty, embodying the best traditions of the form angust burden. It has peace table.

When the President came back with the treaty, embodying the best thought of the world, including the covenant of the league of nations, for the purpose of making future wars thought of the world, including the covenant of the league of nations, for the purpose of making future wars thought of the league of nations, for the purpose of making future wars thought of the world, including the covenant of the league of nations, for the purpose of making future wars thought of the world, including the covenant of the league of nations, for the purpose of making future wars thought of the world, including the covenant of the league of nations, for the purpose of making future wars thought of the world, including the covenant of the league of nations for the proper purpose and the proper purpose and developing state furnishes abundant inspiration of the first time shown the purpose and developing state furnishes abundant inspiration of the first time shown the purpose and developing state furnishes abundant inspiration of the first time shown the purpose of the first time shown the proper purpose and developing state furnishes abundant inspiration of the same purpose and developing state furnishes abundant inspiration of the first time shown the Rigid economy in expenditure of public funds has been a fundamental tenter in democratic faith and practice. The democratic party came back into legislative cantrol in this state in 1898 upon a platform pledging adherence to a policy of rigid economy. How well it has kept the faith during these years of continuous control is shown by the fact that, while keeping up with the march of progress, government still costs the people of this state in the union, save one, and exactly even with that one, as shown by careexcept by vote of the people, and based on the principle of reducing the rate as the increase in valuation may justify and require,

The special objects of democratic management of state affairs have been and will continue to be: The care of the unfortunate and dependent classes.

A progressive policy of public education. Protection of public health The development of a modern system of public highways.

# Care for the Unfortunate. During this period of democratic

control every hospital in the state for the care of the insane has been greatly enlarged, the classes of patients received extended, and facili-ties for proper care and treatment improved and modernized.
Entirely new institutions have been established and maintained by

the state for the treatment and in-struction of those afflicted with tuberculosis, the feeble minded, and for delinquent boys and wayward girls. A hospital for surgical treatment of deformed children is under construction, and a new home for white blind children is under COTItract. In the care of dependent and defective classes of her population, and of neglected or erring children, North Carolina is now one of the most advanced states in the union.

# Public Schools

The education of the youth is the state's greatest enterprise, and it is imperative that our educational system shall not only be maintained, but every means available should be used to strengthen every part of the public school system in order that it may serve the people most ef-

fectively.

The last general assembly gave a this year this rate will be reduced to about 4 cents on each \$100 of property.

Income Tax Amendment

We endorse the action of the general assembly assembly in submitting to the voters of all assembly in submitting to the voters of income tax amendment in order to correct the inequalities of the present income tax law.

No less fundamental as a public virture than economy in expenditure of public funds is the necessity for equality of the tax burden upon every citizen. Careless administration of inadequate laws that result in gross inequality is no less intolerable, than practiced favoritism.

We solemnly declare that the one that the one that can profit most by it; and finally recognizing the need of better trained teachers it provided the fine exhibit of the policy of the demrecognizing the need of better trained teachers it provided the means for training schools for all teachers, thus making it possible to (Continued to page four)