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MCKINLEY.

An unusual number of persons witnessed the inauguration of Wm. McKinley, President of the United States, on March 4th.

He well recognizes, as those previous to him have done, the great responsibilities devolving upon him as President.

He would hold to the gold standard, subject to the known principles of his party on the subject. He says "our financial system needs some revision," which is true, but he is very general as to how this should be done.

His idea of raising revenue is through a higher protective tariff—his pet theme. If expenses were reduced, as they might be, the revenue would be sufficient.

He more than any else can, as an old Union soldier, reform the growing pension inquiry. Will he arise to the height of his opportunity, though he and his party might lose votes?

He is opposed to lynching; so are we. And if all circumstances were the same, as much lynching would occur in one part of the country as another.

We trust he will carry out his purpose to crush out the trusts, but a task he has before him. It is a vigorous thing for a Republican President to say, judging the future by the past.

He is in favor of civil service reform—of continuing men in government positions because of fitness, not for partisan reasons.

He favors a vigorous foreign policy, and favors arbitration and a general fraternal spirit, which are well.

If solid prosperity comes through McKinley we will recognize and admit it, and do nothing, if we could, to hinder, but it is yet to come. It may be on the way.

An extra session of Congress is called for March 15th, next Monday.

A FRESH SENSATION.

The latest in the lease matter is that Judge Simonton has granted an injunction restraining the North Carolina Railroad, Governor Russell, the Attorney General and others from breaking or threatening to break the lease of the N. C. Railroad to the Southern, and they are cited to appear at Greensboro, on the first Monday in April, to answer the bills filed in chancery by the Southern Railway, a citizen of Virginia.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Charlotte Observer interviewed Governor Russell regarding the judiciary proceedings of the Southern and he said:

"They omitted one thing, and that was to make the order mandatory by directing the Governor to make immediate apology to the Southern Railway. Then, again, they ought to have provided that no Governor should send a message or deliver an inaugural address without first submitting it to the manager of the Southern Railway in New York and London, and their agents in North Carolina, and, lastly, they need an injunction to restrain the Legislature of 1897 from doing anything they don't like."

THE ASYLUM BILL.

Following is the law repealing the charters of the asylums for the insane, in order to give the Republicans full control of these institutions. Not even the helpless insane are permitted to escape the scramble for spoils.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

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Section 2. The State Hospital for the Colored Insane, located near Goldsboro, and the Western Hospital for the Insane, located near the Central Hospital, Raleigh, are hereby created and constituted corporations with all the powers, rights and privileges heretofore held and exercised by the North Carolina Hospital, and the State Hospital and the North Carolina Insane Asylum respectively.

Section 3. That Sections 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244 and all other sections of chapter 2, volume 2, of the Code be amended by striking out the words, "The North Carolina Insane Asylum, and State Hospital," wherever they occur in said chapter or any act amendatory thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the words: "The Western Hospital for the Insane," and by striking out the words, "The Eastern North Carolina Hospital;" and "The North Carolina Insane Asylum" wherever they occur in said sections, and in chapter 2, volume 2 of the Code, or any act of the General Assembly amendatory thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "The State Hospital for the Colored Insane," the "Western Hospital for the Insane," and the "Central Hospital for the Insane," and as thus amended, said sections and chapter 2, volume 2 of the Code, except as hereinafter provided, be re-enacted.

Section 4. That the Eastern Hospital for the Colored Insane, the Central Hospital for the Insane, and the Western Hospital for the Insane are hereby incorporated and shall be under the management of nine trustees to be nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, who shall hold their offices for the term of four years from and after their appointment, and the provisions of volume 2, chapter 2 of the Code, applicable to the directors of the North Carolina Insane Asylum, not in conflict with the provisions of this act, are hereby made applicable to the Board of Trustees of the State Hospital for the Colored Insane, the Central Hospital for the Insane, and the Western Hospital for the Insane, and as modified by this act are hereby re-enacted.

Section 5. That the office of Superintendent of the Eastern North Carolina Insane Asylum, and the North Carolina Hospital for the Insane, are hereby abolished.

Section 6. That the Board of Trustees for each of the Hospitals herein provided for shall at their first meeting under this act, elect a Principal and President, whose terms of office shall each be four years, and each shall receive an annual salary of \$2,500; and in addition to the duties heretofore imposed on the Superintendent of said Hospital, they shall discharge such duties as the Trustees may require by regulations for the government of said Hospital. That chapter 2, volume 2 of the Code shall in all respects apply to the corporations hereby created except as modified by section 8 of this act.

Section 7. That immediately upon the ratification of this act the Secretary of State shall furnish the Governor a certified copy thereof, and immediately the Governor a certified copy thereof, and the Trustees of the State shall notify each Trustee of his appointment, and the Trustees for Western Hospital shall assemble at Morganton on the 9th day of March, 1897, next; and the Trustees for the Central Hospital shall assemble at Raleigh on the same day; and the Trustees of the Eastern Hospital shall assemble at Goldsboro on the same day, and shall organize under this act by electing such officers as they may deem for the best interests of each of said Hospitals.

Section 8. It is not the intention of the General Assembly that the Trustees herein provided for, shall be officers of the meaning of Section 7, of article 14, of the Constitution, and they are declared to be special trustees for the special purpose of this act.

Section 9. All laws and clauses of laws inconsistent or in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Section 10. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

It is law now not to sell or give away cigarettes to minors, and with a severe penalty attached. It is a good law and should be enforced. In Tennessee and some other States cigarettes are not allowed to be made or sold. Cigarette smoking is the deadliest form of the use of tobacco.

Now that McKinley has been inaugurated, we are looking for that long promised prosperity. It is encouraging to learn that rabbit skins have taken a rise since last week.

A loafing place and the frequenters lead to evil to themselves and to all concerned. Gossiping, idleness and Sabbath-breaking are some of the results.

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CORN CRACKER.

Cherry Mountain, N. C., March 6, 1897.

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A BIG TIMBER DEAL.

W. T. Conquest, Jr., Buys the Timbers on 2,600 Acres of Land—Accidentally Shot Maurice Swartzberg Married—A Soldier Dies.

Cleveland Star, March 2nd.

The extract industry has assumed enormous proportions and has proved to be quite remunerative and has given employment to a large number of men in this section, especially in Rutherford and McDowell counties. This industry is to be greatly increased and worked far more extensively. The Vain Mountain Mining Company, a corporation operating in McDowell and adjacent counties, has entered into a contract with Mr. W. T. Conquest, formerly of Philadelphia, but now a citizen of Shelby, to cut the timber on 2,600 acres of land in McDowell county. The timber will be converted into cross-ties and lumber of different grades. New saw mills, with the latest and most improved machinery, will be put up to saw the lumber. It is estimated that it will require two years to cut the timber. This lumber will be hauled over the Ohio River & Charleston Railroad and will greatly increase the already brisk business on this road. This is the kind of development of country that will aid materially in bringing prosperity.

The little child of Mr. David Weaver, who resides a few miles from Shelby, was found dead in bed Sunday morning. There was no apparent cause for the sudden death. Maurice Swartzberg, formerly proprietor of the Baltimore Clothing House, of this place, will be married this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, in the city of Baltimore, at the residence of the bride's father, to Miss Rachel Buckner. Invitations have been received here to the marriage. Maude, the little seven-year-old daughter of J. Y. Hord, of No. 5 township, was accidentally shot Saturday afternoon by her little nine-year-old brother, who was playing with his father's pistol. The parents and remainder of the family, with all the Railroad came before the investigating committee of the House again. It is getting to be a regular chestnut, and very monotonous. Ex-Gov Carr, Chairman Wilson, of the railroad commission; General R. F. Hoke and Mr. E. D. Chambers Smith and Col. A. B. Andrews, were all before the committee.

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The special order was to encourage local taxation for public schools on its third reading. It provides that an election shall be held in all the townships of the State as to whether the township be taxed to the amount of \$250—the State to pay an equal amount. This does not apply to places that have local systems of public schools. This bill was referred to a special committee.

In the House the treasurer was allowed to use his discretion as to payment of appropriations quarterly, semi-annually or annually. Then came the sensation of the day—the fight over the Senate substitute for the original bill relating to the lease of North Carolina Railway to the Southern Railway. Pandemonium reigned. The opposers of the substitute found they were in the minority and this minority adjourned the House.

Then the majority elected a speaker pro tem and riot reigned supreme. They adjourned to meet at 3 p. m. It was the most disgraceful proceedings ever witnessed in this State. The bill was referred to the Supreme Court to render a decision as to this substitute bill. This was done at the 3 o'clock session. The committee that has the bill in charge is required to report to the House by 1 p. m. to-morrow, the vote to be taken not later than 2 o'clock. The following is the opinion of the court as rendered:

"Your resolution is before us. Precedent and the courtesy due a co-ordinate branch of the govern-

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The Fight Over the Senate Substitute for the Original Lease Bill.

DISGRACEFUL PROCEEDINGS.

Nothing Like It Was Ever Witnessed in the State Before—Parading Out the Officers—The General Assembly Adjourned Tuesday.

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RALEIGH, N. C., March 9th, 1897.

Of course all interest centered yesterday in the House of Representatives and what would be done there. Speaker Hileman was yesterday notified by prominent members of the legislature and particularly by the publishers of the press, that he would be impeached. Chairman Holton, of the republican party, endorses this.

The legislature two years ago was chronicled as the most rascally on record, but this one surpasses it. Attention is called to the fact that a bill regarding the rolling exposition on wheels, which asked for a \$5,000 appropriation, had an amendment attached, and it is ratified with the amendment missing.

It was very much feared that there would be no quorum after the pay ceased Saturday, but all sides seem to be so terribly wrought up during the high handed proceedings of Saturday, that it was said this morning only one member, a populist, had left.

It is not at all probable that there will be any code commission at all. The republicans and democrats both oppose it.

The populist majority have taken a decided action against any bill to take charge of the three insane asylums. This is very highly commended. It is said that Gov. Russell himself does not want these institutions troubled, but it is the minority populists who are urging this.

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