

The Chatham Observer.

M. MOORE, Editor and Prop.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: One Year, One Dollar; Six Months, Fifty Cents.

Advertising rates reasonable, and made known on application.

FRIDAY, DEC. 5, 1902.

Since the death of the Chatham Citizen's two negro correspondents, Ephriam and Dave, in the earlier part of the recent campaign, that paper has reluctantly been a cleaner sheet, but I hate another who styles himself "Cephus," has taken the place of his brethren, Ephriam and Dave, and promises to champion the claims of his brethren in black in the most forcible manner. Like the average Radical leader, he starts out by abusing everything in sight and then complains of the Democrats because they did not let all the ignorant negroes vote in the late election. They claim that they are "illy whites," and then, in the language of Cy. Watson, "kick and squirm like dirty faced children while the soft soap of the amendment is being applied to their dirty hides." Cephus may possibly be white, but like most Radical leaders he shows by his writing that it is not because he wants to be. There are some people who hoped the Republicans would drop the negro and become a decent party, but the writings of some of its leaders which are sanctioned by the party organ in this county show that though gone down in defeat they still dream of the time when the negro shall again place them in power. The afore named Dave, Ephriam and their brother, Cephus may tear their hair, foam at the mouth and make the air foul with their libel, slander and calumnies, but the white people will ever find means to keep the negro from power and what hurts the gang is that they can never again ride into power by the negro vote. Cephus has a reason for complaining for it is to be hoped that he and his ignorant negro brethren are out forever.

While you are trying to think of something to send friends or relatives who have gone to other counties or states try sending them THE OBSERVER for a year. It will give them the news from home, while at the same time it is working for the best interest of Chatham and the improvement of our county. It was the first paper in the county to discover that the fusionists were collecting a road tax at the rate of \$1,000 per year after the system was abolished and is the only one that has ever had the courage to advocate making the railroads running through the stock law territory pay stock law tax as other real estate. We have never seen any reason why a railroad having real property in stock law territory should not pay tax on it as well as a farmer having a small farm. Is there any reason? If there is not why has not some paper here advocated it before? For several years the farmers have been paying stock law tax and the railroad property within the stock law territory not paying one cent. A few months ago THE OBSERVER called the attention of the

and they levied this tax of their next meeting for one year but at their last meeting they levied it for all back years. This means a saving of about \$1,000 per year to the tax payers in Chatham. Yet there was never a word said nor a move made towards it until after THE OBSERVER'S article asking the commissioners why it was not done. The people's interest is our interest, and we appeal to them to stand by us in our fight for them. The News and Observer of the 29th has the following to say in regard to our fight for Chatham: "The Chatham Observer has entered upon its second volume. It is a 'true blue' Democratic paper and did much to redeem Chatham."

"It is costing the republic of Cuba nearly \$10,000,000 a year to be indebted to the United States, and the sooner it is annexed the better it will for all interests in the islands," said Mr. Francisco Reyes Guzman, a Havana capitalist, who is at the Arlington. "I am a native of Cuba and understand the conditions there perfectly, and am thoroughly in touch with the people of the island. I know there are only about 25,000 white men on the island who do not favor annexation."

"At present 100 pounds of sugar is worth \$3.50 in Porto Rico. In Cuba it is worth only \$1.87. The tariff imposed by this country accounts for the difference in its value. On sugar alone Cuban planters lost \$28,750,000, which they would have saved if the island were annexed and the products of the island admitted to this country free. The duty paid on tobacco amounted to about \$10,000,000 during the past year. Business conditions in the island are going from bad to worse. I have not been in Cuba since July, but I hear regularly from home, and know that the situation is distressing. The Platt amendment amounted to annexation, and why should there be any delay in making the island a part of this country?"

If the Republican party had annexed Cuba it would have shown much more wisdom than it has in spending millions of money and thousands of lives in the Philippines. These islands are 800 miles away filled with savages and has cost the American government under Republican management nearly 30,000,000 with no hope of ever getting it back while Cuba almost touches the United States and is one of the most fertile and desirable islands in the world. But to gratify the wishes of the sugar trust and a few of the criminal corporations the Republicans have engaged in a war with a people that Spain failed to conquer for 300 years and which will be of no value to us when conquered while the gem of the Antilles has been practically refused admission as a sister state to satisfy the sugar trust. The Republican party fears the trust for it is dependent upon it for campaign funds to buy votes.

Several Democratic registrars in North Carolina will be indicted in the Federal Courts for failure to register negroes in the late election, says a correspondent of the News and is affirmed by District Attorney Holton. It is said that the Republican leaders hope to be able to vote 30,000 negroes at the next election by bringing criminal prosecution against the registrars. They profess to be "illy whites," but are now trying to concoct some plan that will put the negro back in politics again.

sage of the amendment. The Republicans have found out that professing to be a white man's party did not give them votes so they are now trying to devise some other plan not for the negro's good, but to wait and wait and wait back in office and they are willing to sacrifice the interest of the people and the honor of their state to get back in office. This may be a part of the move inaugurated by Wise and the Virginia negroes to help them before the U. S. Courts, as well as to intimidate the white men of the South so that they will let the negroes vote regardless of his fitness, and besides it will help them curry favor with the northern and western negroes who now threaten to leave the Republican party unless something is done to place the Southern negroes back in power.

The Largest Gun. Albany, New York, Nov. 26. The big 16 inch coast gun which was manufactured at the Watervliet arsenal, was shipped today on the Merritt-Chapman Co's largest barge to the Sandy Hook proving grounds, and will reach there sometime Friday. The largest crane in the world had to be pressed into service to load the gun on the barge on which it is being transported down the Hudson River.

Under the direction of Colonel Farley, commandant at the arsenal, the gun was loaded on a specially constructed car weighing 34,000 pounds, and slowly moved to the arsenal dock, where, by means of the crane and a mammoth derrick it swung on to the barge. The following are the dimensions of this great weapon of coast defense: Length over all 39 feet, 2.9 inches.

Diameter at breech, 5 feet. Bore, 16 inches. Its construction was begun May 14, 1878, and it was finished June 12, 1902. Some of the ideas of its power can be obtained by the statement that it shoots a projectile weighing 4,370 pounds a distance of 21 miles. If smokeless powder is used it will require 578 pounds or about 1000 pounds of black powder. The crude steel from which the gun was assembled weighed 368,000 pounds. It has cost, in material, labor and machinery, about \$16,000,000. A large amount of new machinery had to be made for the work; one of the largest cranes in the world, if not the largest one built, to handle it; new lathes were secured and an immense amount of new machinery was purchased. The cost was so great that it is doubtful if any more of similar size can be built. When it was decided to build this gun it was the intention of the government to build about twenty 16 inch guns, but the cost has been such that the project will probably be abandoned.

News and Observer: State Auditor Dixon will urge the Legislature to impose a tax on saloons, bar-rooms, dispensaries, and whiskey distilleries. This State of Tennessee gets \$250,000 and Virginia \$312,000 from such taxes, while North Carolina gets only \$8,000.

Snow fell in Cherokee county all day Thanksgiving.

Fight Will Be Bitter. Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery or Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by total termination. Read what F. R. Beal, of Beal, Miss., says: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by G. R. Pilkington, Dr. King's Price 3-c and \$1.00 trial but free.

Washington Letter

(From Our Regular Correspondent.) Dec. 1 1902.

It is doubtful if a republican Congress has for many years convened under as unsuspecting circumstances as those which attended the opening of the second session of the Fifty-seventh Congress today. With ample republican majorities in both chambers and a republican President in the White House there is the widest difference of opinion as to prospective legislation and even the old-time leaders are divided on some of the most important questions. Tariff revision, of course, takes the lead. Senators and Representatives from Western States assert that there must be steps taken in that direction in order to redeem the pledges on which the republican victory was achieved. The eastern men, on the other hand, say that there shall be no tariff revision now and they expect to prevent calling Congress in extra session for that purpose.

With regard to trust legislation, some Senators say that there will be none and others, among them no less influential a man than Senator Fry, President of the Senate, asserts that the Sherman law will be amended in accordance with the recommendations of Attorney General Knox. The policy of the republicans, as outlined for your correspondent by a well posted democratic senator, will be to pass such legislation as Mr. Knox has requested and as the President will urge, at the same time assuring the trust that so long as they have a republican administration they will have nothing to fear from the Attorney General, but if they permit the democrats to win there is no knowing to what extent a democratic attorney general will go in order to destroy the trusts. In this way, the Senator referred to, the republicans hope to make of the trusts a club with which to extort campaign funds from the trusts in 1904.

As if to emphasize the evils of the trust system, the news has just reached Washington to the effect that J. Pierpont Morgan, in connection with the Barrington Brothers of England, have undertaken to float bonds to the amount of \$100,000,000 for the newly organized beef trust. Representative Richardson of Tennessee says the democrats of the House stand ready to assist their opponents in any genuine effort to control the trusts and they will give the republicans no ground to charge them with obstructive proceedings in case the latter make an honest attempt to strengthen the present law or enact a new and more effectual one.

There was an intermingling of congratulations and condolences in the Capitol today. Twenty-five representatives have failed of re-election and the condolences extended to them were as numerous as were the congratulations offered to the successful candidates. On the democratic side of the House, two desks stood out prominently. Each was draped with crepe and covered with flowers in honor of Representatives DeGraffenreid and Shepard, both of Texas, who have died since Congress adjourned last July. On the republican side one desk was similarly treated. It was that one formerly occupied by the late Representative Russel of Connecticut. Out of respect to the deceased members the House adjourned immediately after being convened.

As a result of Secretary Moody's assertion that the duty on anthracite coal was smuggled into the tariff, a number of the "little members" of the House have hastened to introduce bills repealing it. This is, of course, no hope that they will be considered for a moment but the members will send copies of the printed bills to their constituents with the hope that they may gain support and help to mitigate the effects of the high price of coal.

The canteen fight will be up in Congress. Secretary Root is a strong advocate of the canteen and recommends its establishment. "It is a sort of a government dispensary," said an army officer recently. - News & Observer.

News and Observer: A New York jury gave \$500 to a woman who sued for damages because a middle aged man kissed her against her will. The price of all commodities are being fixed by juries.

A Costly Mistake. Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for dyspepsia, indigestion, headache, liver or bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 15c at G. R. Pilkington's drug store.

There are more than two hundred children at the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville. Mr. Archibald Johnson, editor of Clarity and Children, is authority for the statement that "the amount expended for maintenance was about \$12,000 or to be exact, \$4.75 per month per capita."

This shows the excellent and economical management of the Baptist Orphanage. The cost of living has increased nearly twenty five per cent and it is a matter of wonder to those of us who pay family expenses to understand how the management of the Thomasville Orphanage can support the orphans at \$4.75 per month. They are comfortably clothed, well fed and well cared for. How it is done is as mysterious as how that noble old Methodist preacher, who died last month, on a salary of \$600 a year accumulated a fortune of \$12,000. - News and Observer.

A Cold Wave. The forecast of sudden changes in the weather serves notice that a severe cold and a heavy cough may invade the sanctity of health in your own home. Cautious people have a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure always at hand. F. H. Wise, Madison Ga., writes: "I am indebted to One Minute Cough Cure for my present good health and probably my life. It cures Coughs, colds, Lungs, Grippe, Bronchitis, Pneumonia, and all other ailments of the throat. One Minute Cough Cure cures the phlegm draws out the inflammation, heals and soothes the mucous membranes and strengthens the lungs." G. R. Pilkington.

A good farm 3 miles east of Pittsboro for rent or sale on easy terms. Apply to A. M. Moore.

If you feel ill and need a pill why not purchase the best? DeWitt's Early Risers Are little surprisers. Take one - they do the rest. W. H. Howell, Houston, Tex. writes - I have used Little Early Risers Pills in my family for constipation, sick headache, etc. To their use I am indebted for the health of my family. G. R. Pilkington.

Commissioners' Expense.

In accordance with Section 713 of the Code, I, W. E. Brooks, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners of Chatham County, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct statement for the year ending November 30th, 1902, of the accounts, items and nature of all compensations allowed by the Board to the members thereof, respectively. The number of days the Board was in session and the distance travelled by each member:

Table with columns for Name, Days as Commissioner, Days on account of bridges, Day on account of Stock Law, Miles travelled, and Total. Includes entries for C. E. KNOX, J. H. JONES, J. W. TAYLOR, and A. W. WICKER.

The Board was in session 14 days. No unverified accounts were allowed. W. E. BROOKS, Register Deeds and ex officio, Clerk of the Board.

PATENT'S advertisement for C. A. SNOW & CO. PATENT LAWYERS, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Poe=Atwater Mercantile Co = 2 Big Stores = PITTSBORO--BYNUM. Now ready for Christmas Shoppers. FRANK C. POE, Pres. and Gen'l Manager, B. NOOE, Vice-President, J. B. ATWATER, Sec'y and Treas.