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SUNDAY JANUARY 10

If Rev. Burns' gardeners, and a detail from the penitentiary is not good enough to keep the Governor's commissioners in their office, we would suggest to the Commander-in-Chief to call out the navy. We believe the State's man-of-war, the Lily, is still able to float.
The Democrats in Congress are right. If the Republicans want to repeal their own Civil Service law outright, let them do it, but don't help them "modify" it just to open certain positions to the hungry crowd clamoring for them. Repeal all or none.

These railroad men are very considerate. They don't want to show how many free passes fusion judges and legislators and other such statesmen have had the past two or three years since they got into power, nor how many Governor Russell gave out last year, nor to whom. It is said the Governor's pass would "go" all during the last Legislature, and that he kept a regular pass book full of 'em. Well, don't tell on him.
The grand jury of Judge Ewart's court in Buncombe has indicted the Asheville Street Railway Company for transporting free, Mr. W. A. Hildebrand, one of the clever reporters of the Asheville Citizen. This is right; now let Governor Russell and his fusion courts and commissioners indict every church fair that gives a free plate of oyster soup.

We do not know how much or how little Mrs. Wilson paid for transporting her household furniture to the Round Knob hotel, but we will wager a good cigar that she paid more than the Governor paid to the express company on certain provisions sent from his farm to Raleigh. Will the Governor not order his commissioners to send for "persons and papers" connected with the express office? This is Russell-Butlerism all over.

We are satisfied the effort being made by Southern planters to get the cotton planters to reduce the acreage is a mistake. Every such effort has resulted in a larger crop, for obvious reasons. Urge them to grow full crops of foodstuffs, and then as much cotton as they can. This is the best policy to pursue. That it is so is easily demonstrated in every neighborhood. The farmer that does this from year to year is invariably in comfortable if not a very prosperous condition.

Both Dun's and Bradstreet's say that business affairs start out this year in better condition than for four or five years past. Whatever good legislation might do, we can look for no aid in that direction, so it behooves the people (and we refer directly to the Southern people) to continue the same economy and care this year that has characterized them the past two or three years, and they will at least enjoy the comforts of life, and be really better off than we fear many others of other sections will be. The South has every advantage now if her people will just appreciate it.

WE PRINT elsewhere a statement from the Gastonia Gazette, giving a list of prices which obtained one hundred years ago, and which is a fair sample of prices then prevailing throughout this State. It will be noted that sugar sold for 25 cents per pound, muslin 75 cents per yard, powder \$1.00 per pound, salt \$1.50 per bushel, nails 20 cents per pound, while good whiskey was only 75 cents per gallon. People were happy in those days. We can now understand why times are hard. Whiskey has gone up from \$2.00 to \$5.00 per gallon. True, we now get about 16 pounds of sugar for \$1.00, salt 50 cents per bushel, muslin from 5 to 10 cents per yard, nails from 3 to 5 cents per pound, but the whiskey ring is about to ruin the people. Labor in that day was 50 cents a day, corn 50 cents a bushel, beef, retail, 3 cents a pound. And yet they were contented. Now we have to pay \$4.00 for good whiskey, and Heaven only knows how much for Gov. Russell, and no free passes to get out of the country. What a change.

SENATOR GALLINGER, chairman of the Senate committee on pensions, says that he has no intention of preparing any pension reform bills. He thinks the remedy of abuses should begin by stopping the pension bills and that the first thing to do is to see that no pension bill passes Congress unless absolutely meritorious. The Senator is right in putting a stop to the special pension bills, but why not make an attempt to purge the existing list of the frauds? Why not publish the lists by Congressional districts, in one or more papers in the district wherein the pensioners reside. The very threat of publication has already caused the surrender of a number of claims, and the publication itself will result in cutting down the robbery very greatly. Let the work of purging the list be pushed, as well as stopping the special acts alluded to.

GOVERNOR RUSSELL'S commissioners want to know if Judge Simonton rode on Vice-President Andrews private car. If so, have the Judge up for contempt and punish him of course. And then let the commissioners have the Governor up for riding free on a special car from Wilmington to Raleigh last January, and from Raleigh to Nashville when going to the Nashville Exposition. Then the Gov. might ask one of his commissioners if he did not ride on a free pass over the Seaboard from Raleigh to Hickory or thereabouts during the session of Legislature. By the time we get through all these hypocritical clown performances furnished by the Governor the whole outfit will have to go into the hands of a receiver with the old fellow to pay and no assets on hand. It promises to be a greater farce than the lease rucis. But the Governor must attract attention.

The Statesville Mascot says: "Freight and passenger rates are in many instances higher than they were twenty years ago, notwithstanding the largely increased travel and the tremendous depreciation in the prices of farm products." This is serious, if true. Would the Mascot mind giving the instances, one or more, in which "freight and passenger rates" are "higher than they were twenty years ago?" We ask for information, as we think the fact is worthy of immediate attention. We do not know, and therefore will not venture to discuss what the depreciation of prices in one thing has to do with the expenses of management of another, but as it has been mentioned, we take it it must have some bearing. The other facts, however, are material and should be given.

The probability of early consideration by the Supreme Court of the non-payment movements of Governor Russell in his midnight assault upon the office of the railroad commissioners makes it necessary that something must be found to sustain his removal of the Messrs. Wilson from office. He has never furnished any facts to sustain him as yet. Hence his performances yesterday through his commissioners in dealing with Messrs. Munson and Potts. The Governor has no great confidence in the populist proclivities of the Supreme Court of the United States and fears that tribunal will not say that he is autocrat over all corporation interests in this State whose right to oppress and rob in the name of so-called law none dare dispute.

WE CONGRATULATE the Waynesville Courier upon the recent change it has made. Mr. F. A. Luck, who for years has given the people and the Democracy of Jackson a most creditable paper, the Sentinel, has consolidated that paper with the Courier, and Messrs. Boone and Luck will conduct the latter paper hereafter. The Courier is and has been one of our best Western papers, and believing this combination a good one, we can only expect enlarged success and usefulness, which we wish for it.

OUR friend of the Asheville Gazette has become alarmed over the hypnotic fever which has been introduced into the Mountain Metropolis by the Lees. That it has assumed, or threatens to assume, a serious aspect, the following caution from the Gazette indicates:
"It would be quite as sensible for uninitiated persons to begin a series of experiments with poisonous drugs as to trifle with hypnotism for amusement, and we trust that the outpouring of hypnotism in Asheville will stop with the public exhibitions, and that the various serious consequences which have made such exhibitions prohibited in other places will not be repeated here."
We would venture to suggest to the Gazette not to stop the experiments until it has been tried on Chairman Brown, of the Board of County Commissioners and it is found out how much he and his Republican Board have agreed to pay the Chairman's son and other lawyers for dishonoring the good people of Buncombe.

GOVERNOR RUSSELL and his commissioners think there has been a great crime in the fact, if it be a fact, that Mrs. Wilson, a widow lady, was given reduced rates on household furniture from Raleigh to Round Knob. Whether it be true or not, the people will be slow to condemn the poor woman who is striving to make a living, or the railroads for giving her some consideration, when they remember the Governor himself, a rich man, besides drawing a large salary and having the use of an elegant mansion furnished by the people, has not only used free passes since he became Governor, but had supplies from his farm shipped to him by express without any charge whatever almost since he has been Governor. If there be any condemnation, upon whom should it fall.

RALEIGH, N. C.
Report of the Secretary Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, Published in the 19th Annual Publication of the Tradesmen of Chatham.

The year 1897 has been one of mingled prosperity and disappointment with the majority of people, yet great and substantial advances have been made in all the Southern States. The crops have been abundant and in the main have been profitable, especially to those who produced food crops for themselves and for their employes. The farmers of Central Carolina are in better condition (even with 5-cent cotton) than they have ever been, because they are producing their own supplies.
About twenty-five years ago the writer, in an article, stated that the figures given by the cotton crop, whether it be 4,000,000, 5,000,000, 6,000,000, 7,000,000, 8,000,000 or 9,000,000 bales, would give the price of cotton for that section (cotton was then bringing 15 cents per pound), with a lower tendency for increased crop. The argument of the article was: Raise no cotton with which to pay your corn, or hay, but to produce your own supplies and cotton for a surplus crop. Sad experience has proved the correctness of it. If such advice had been heeded, Southern farms would be worth today from two to three times the present price, and our farmers would have been prosperous and contented.

The annual report of the bureau of labor statistics of North Carolina shows a large increase of material prosperity. There are now in operation 1,032,000 spindles, 26,052 looms, 1,410 knitting machines. The State produces over 500,000 bales of cotton and nearly 70,000,000 pounds of tobacco. Nearly all of the cotton is made into cloth or yarn, and more than one-half of the tobacco is manufactured within the State.
There are in operation 3,446 miles of railroads, with contracts completed for a large increase during 1898. The above is a fine showing and means even greater prosperity in the near future.
The Raleigh Hosiery Yarn Mills, the Caraleigh Gingham Mills, the Pilot Mill Mills, the Phosphate Works and the Cotton Seed Oil Mills are all running on full time, and are prosperous. The North Carolina Car Works, roller flour mills, tobacco factory and wood-working mills appear to be busy and prosperous.

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of this city, and the Watauga Club, are giving their influence in favor of good roads and education. The Raleigh Business University has lately been established, and the organization of a textile department in the Agricultural and Mechanical College, located here, is being agitated and developed, with good prospects of success.
Such a department would greatly advance the textile manufacturing interests of the State, and would be of great value to the young men and women by largely increasing their value as wage-earners. The year now closing has been a building year in this and other Southern States. In this city a large number of private residences, several public buildings, including the Baptist University, Presbyterian Church and several buildings for the Agricultural Department have been erected. Another matter of public interest is the issue and sale of nearly 110 of Raleigh Street Improvement 5 per cent. bonds—the highest price ever obtained for Southern bonds. The proceeds are now being expended on the improvement of streets and sidewalks of the city. The City Electric Railway has added new cars and additional machinery and is giving fine service.

The newspaper business seems to flourish as there are now four dailies and two weeklies, with prospects of more in the near future. Central North Carolina is receiving a large share of Northern capital, as a result of advertising the climate and the hotel accommodations offered in Raleigh by the Yarnborough and Park Hotels by the new hotels at Southern Pines and Pinehurst, a few miles south of this city. The Seaboard Air Line and the Southern Railway are affording splendid service to tourists and health seekers and are being rewarded by the patronage.

PUT VAGRANTS TO FARMING.
The Measure Now Before the New York Legislature.
Albany Dispatch to N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.
One of the many bills introduced in the Senate this week of general interest was presented by Senator Pavey. It provides that New York city shall appropriate \$100,000 for the establishment of an institution to be known as the "Farm Colony for Vagrants."
A board of five managers to be appointed by the Mayor is provided for, and this board is entrusted with the establishment and management of the farm colony. The members of the board shall hold office for the terms of one, two, three, four and five years. They have the right to establish the colony in any county of the State and have the power to appoint a superintendent, who will hold office during their pleasure. His powers shall be regulated by the Board of Managers.
To Utilize Labor of Tramps, Etc.
The farm colony shall consist of buildings and grounds, which will be equipped with mechanical and other assistance as shall make effective the labor of the inmates. These inmates are limited to that class of male persons who are convicted in the courts of New York city for vagrancy or habitual drunkenness, but who are not insane nor mentally nor physically incapable of being benefited by instruction in agriculture, horticulture and handicrafts. Committing magistrates in New York city shall have the power to sentence such a class of criminals who are between the ages of 16 and 30 years. The sentence shall be an indeterminate one, but the Board of Managers shall not have the power to retain a person sent to the farm for a longer time than three years.
The managers shall have the power of parole, when there is a reasonable probability that persons so paroled will remain at home without violating the law. Paroled inmates shall remain on parole in the legal custody and under the control of the Board of Managers until the maximum term of three years, as provided for, has expired. If, in the opinion of the Board of Managers, an inmate on parole violates the parole or is about to lapse into vagrancy or drunkenness, they can issue a warrant for his arrest and return to the farm colony, where he may be detained for a period equal to the unexpired maximum term of detention of such inmate at the time his delinquency is declared. The managers also have the power to grant an absolute discharge from detention, if it is not incompatible with the welfare of society.
Every inmate, in the discretion of the general superintendent, for the time which he may work shall receive compensation from the earnings of the farm colony. This compensation shall be based upon the pecuniary value of the work performed and on the willingness, industry and good conduct of the inmate. The superintendent also has power to inaugurate a system of fines to be imposed, at his discretion, in place of other penalties and punishments, which shall be deducted from any surplus standing on the books of the farm colony to the credit of the inmate.
This surplus can be paid to the inmate in such sums and at such times as the Superintendent may approve, but at the absolute discharge of the inmate the whole amount of credit balance shall be subject to his draft at his pleasure. An inmate violating the terms of his release shall forfeit any credit balance, when the violation is formally declared by the board.
The Board of Managers is also authorized to appoint a parole agent and to establish an office for the use of the board in New York city, where a record of the names of all persons committed to the farm shall be kept.

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Blue blood!
Spurn us the bitter pain
Of stern denials,
Nor with lowly disdain
Argument on trials.
Hearts just as pure and fair
May beat in Belgrave Square
As in the lowly air
Of seven shillings!
Blue blood! Blue blood!
Of what avail art thou
To serve me now?
Though dating from the Flood,
Blue blood!
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From the Baltimore Herald.
We believe from the bottom of our gorgeous and unparalleled pressroom to the top of our resplendent and unequalled etching department that Gov. Lowndes has, as he avers, put aside the Senatorial crown for the good of the grand old Commonwealth which has so signally honored him by elevating him to his present exalted position. And so let it go at that. Ex nihilo nihil fit.

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MORTGAGE SALE.
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 1898, at the Court house door in Raleigh, N. C., we will sell at public outcry a tract or parcel of land in Wake county, adjoining the lands of G. Upchurch, deceased, and others, and bounded on the north by the Holly Springs road and the public schoolhouse lot, on the east by said public schoolhouse lot, and the lands of Geo. J. Cook, deceased; and on the west by the lands of W. G. Upchurch, containing about 8 acres, being the land conveyed to Jack Pool by W. G. Upchurch and on mortgage from Jack Pool to W. G. Upchurch, registered in book No. 33 at page 20 of the Register of Deeds of Wake county.
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Mortgage Sale of Land.
UNDER and by virtue of power given by mortgage executed by P. D. Stewart and Tempe Stewart, his wife, and John Stewart, his wife, which said mortgage is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wake county, in book 175, page 28, I will sell at the Court House door in said county, on the 23rd day of January, 1898, at 12 o'clock m., at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the following described tracts of land:
First tract, being and situate in St. Mary's Township, Wake county, joining the lands of W. S. Bagwell, Johnman Good, W. J. Howie and others, and beginning at the tract of land of W. S. Bagwell, formerly owned by Mrs. Malinda Howie, and called the Stewart tract, at a stake, thence southwardly with the old Bethel tract, thence northwardly with the old Bagwell tract, thence east with the old Good tract, thence west about 75-25 poles to a stake, thence northwardly 75-25 poles to a white oak stump, in said Howie's land, thence about East 75-25 poles to the beginning, containing about 20 acres, less 3 acres sold by said Howie to W. S. Bagwell.
Second tract, beginning in the Wake county line and in Panther Branch Township, said county, at said Collins' corner, thence W. with county line to Josh Smith's line, thence with Smith's line N. to a pine, Isaac Grey's line, thence E. with said Grey's line to a post oak, at Johnson's corner, thence S. with Johnson's line to a stake in Lea branch, containing 20 1/2 acres, more or less.
Third tract, in Panther Branch Township, beginning at a stake in J. Q. Adams' line, running N. 45° E. 24 chains and 75 links to a stake, thence S. 65° W. 35 chains and 75 links to a stake, thence back to the beginning, containing 33 1/2 acres more or less.
W. T. HOWIE,
Mortgagee, d. t. d.
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4:12 Kings Mountain. 10:12
5:15 5:25 Newbern. 8:57 9:10
6:37 Morehead City. 7:47
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Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11:25 a. m., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2:00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. train from Wilmington and intermediate points.
Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3:00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3:45 p. m. Train 4 also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.
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THOS. DESCUD,
THE GROCER.
City House and Lot For Sale.
By virtue of authority conferred by a certain Deed of Trust from Anderson Betts and wife to Ernest Haywood, registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wake County, N. C., in book 175, page 17, I will on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1898, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, a certain house and lot on the south side of Lane street, in the North-western portion of the City of Raleigh. Said lot has on it a four-room dwelling, a two-room kitchen, a wood house and a well, and is described as follows:
Beginning at a stake on the south side of Lane street, in the Northwestern portion of said city, said stake being the corner of Johnson Northwest corner, runs thence West along the south side of Lane street to the McCuller's lot, thence South along the McCuller's lot to the J. M. Betts line, thence East along the J. M. Betts line to the Clay Johnson line, thence North along the Johnson line to the beginning, containing about one-seventh (1/7) of an acre.
Time of sale 12 o'clock, m.
Place of sale, county court house door in Raleigh, N. C.
ERNEST HAYWOOD, Trustee.
January 7th, 1898.

MORTGAGE SALE.
On Tuesday, January 18, 1898, at the court house door in Raleigh, I will sell at public auction the tract of land in Swift Creek Township in Wake county, containing 63 1/2 acres beginning at a stake near a pine at Edwards' and Mullens' corner, runs thence South 87 degrees, 50 poles to a stake, formerly a pine, thence with Campbell's line South 8 1/2 degrees, East 27 poles to a stake, thence North 67 degrees West 96 poles to the beginning, it being the land conveyed to Anderson Hurt by E. E. Williamson and wife and W. G. Upchurch and wife by deed delivered contemporaneously with the mortgage under which said sale will be made.
Sale made under powers conferred by a purchase money mortgage from said Anderson Hurt to Williamson and Upchurch, registered in book 101 at page 39 of the Register of Deeds of Wake county.
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B. P. WILLIAMSON,
Surviving Partner and Trustee.
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