

STATE OF EXPENSES Made by Treasurer Worth for the Legislature FOR NEXT TWO YEARS

Treasurer's Report is Completed—The Steamer "Lillie" Gets a Severe Roasting—Suggestions as to Rate of Taxation—An Interesting Document.

State Treasurer Worth has completed his biennial report for the past two fiscal years and has submitted it to the Governor.

The ledger shows an accumulated balance of \$103,740.41 to the credit of the sinking fund. This fund is used for redeeming old construction bonds.

A section of the Code requires the Treasurer to furnish the General Assembly with estimates of each session with estimates of the expenses of the state government and the rates of taxation necessary to pay the same for the two years next succeeding the close of the last fiscal year.

Treasurer Worth, in making the estimates, used his shears rather freely. In only one instance did he recommend an increased appropriation and that was to the State Normal and Industrial School for girls.

The appropriation to the Normal last year was \$17,500, and the Treasurer recommends that it be increased to twenty thousand, the same that is given the University.

He cuts out the \$500 appropriation to the Guilford Battle Ground. The Treasurer estimates the cost of the judiciary to be \$60,000, while last year it was \$61,735.56.

He estimates the cost of the penitentiary to be \$20,000 per year, while last year it was \$20,000.

Mr. Worth is commenting upon this: "There seems to be a lack of a thorough understanding of this whole subject on the part of our law makers. While the oyster industry should be, under proper laws and their proper execution a source of considerable revenue to the State. The effect of all the laws on the subject hitherto have been to entangle the whole business in a mass of inextricable confusion, impossible of comprehension and leading to entangling litigation and expense to the state. Wise legislation on this subject is of great importance now."

Brother Worth has no high opinion of the state's steamer "The Lillie." He says: "The steamer 'Lillie' has not done one act of service in two years and has cost the State \$1,334.58 per year for the past two years, just to keep the several thousand dollars of the state's funds which are wrapped up in this useless luxury from utter decay and loss. If there is any money in the craft it should be landed into the Treasury. The straightened condition of the Treasury and of the tax payers at this time do not justify the maintenance of the craft as a simple ornament to the wharf, or a veritable barnacle on the Treasury."

Treasurer Worth congratulates the Sheriffs and tax collectors of the State, who at the end of the fiscal year made full payments. Only three Sheriffs were indulged and they have settled promptly. The Treasurer takes occasion to publicly express his appreciation of the earnest and faithful work of his chief clerk, Mr. J. W. Denmark.

M'BEE SELLS OUT.

A South Carolina Firm Will Star Bryan in the Future. Special to the Press-Visitor. LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 28.—W. J. Bryan returned tonight from Atlanta and to a Southern Associated Press reporter said of his lecture engagements: "Mr. V. E. McBee, with my consent, transferred his contract to H. Briggs & Co., of Greenville, S. C. Only five more lectures have been arranged for up to this time, and whether I shall deliver any in addition to that number is as yet uncertain. I have some work on hand which may interfere with the delivery of any other lectures during this season."

Mr. Bryan will remain in Lincoln for an indefinite period. The Drawing Bicycle Drawing. The drawing of the bicycle offered by Messrs. Berwanger Bros. to boys who were patrons of their store took place on Christmas eve night at the Mayor's office and drew a large crowd, the youngsters who were hoping to get the lucky ticket being especially well represented. The tickets were in a sealed box and were delivered over to the committee who had been appointed to superintend the drawing, composed of Mayor Russ, Mr. H. B. Greason and Mr. Greek O. Andrews. The seals were broken and the lid of the box was lifted, and then little Emily Smith, daughter of Mr. Ham Smith, who was to do the drawing, put in her hand and brought out a ticket which contained the name of Ernest Pittman, and he was declared the winner of the bicycle. This drawing was a graceful and enterprising holiday attraction gotten up by Messrs. Berwanger and was thoroughly characteristic of them as being among our most live and progressive business men.

The Press-Visitor's Christmas. Mr. Greek O. Andrews, editor of the Press-Visitor gave the entire force and his associates on the paper a most pleasant Christmas remembrance Thursday evening. An invitation to those who help make the P. V. to be present at Gresh's was taken advantage of by all and it is needless to say they enjoyed a tempting supper which had been prepared for them. The occasion was a pleasant one and it marked the happy feeling that exists between those who are connected and associated with the Press-Visitor's editor. After full justice had been done the spread a few happy remarks were indulged in by the participants. Mr. Andrews was the recipient of hearty expressions of thanks from those connected with him on the paper for his kind remembrance.

Mr. Will X. Coley, mayor of the bustling Western North Carolina town of Mocksville, and editor of the Mocksville Times, and Mrs. Coley, nee Miss Maud Harris, are in the city visiting Mrs. Coley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. L. Harris on Fayetteville street.

ODD FELLOWS COLUMN.

What the Tripoli-Lark is Doing in North Carolina.

Grand Secretary E. H. Woodell is at home in Greensboro with his family. We hope the Grand Secretary may enjoy his "Christmas turkey" and be on hand at fifty more annual Christmas gatherings. Rookingham Lodge will banquet on the night of Tuesday Dec. 19th. It would be strange if some of the Raleigh "chain gang" were not present. In fact it is said that the "silver tongued" speaker of the order in Raleigh has already been burning the midnight lamp.

No children in North Carolina were better cared for on Christmas, than our orphans at Goldsboro. Brethren all over the state always remember our orphans. We love those little chaps, and in all our lodges there is nothing too good for them. The meanest man in Odd Fellowship has been found. He offered a resolution that the sixth Friday night in each month be set aside for the pleasure and entertainment of "our wives, sisters and sweethearts." He was expelled without a hearing.

The question is being asked "where are those Past Grand Representatives who once attended lodge meetings so regular?" Answer: Some have married, some have "bought a Yoke of Oxen" and others have "bought a piece of land" and all have been excused.

The order here is soon to have a new degree staff composed of the members of the three subordinate lodges. Greensboro, Charlotte and Wilmington look out! as there is going to be some fine work done.

Our Grand Master lives at Goldsboro, our Deputy Grand Master at Asheville, our Grand Warden at Greensboro, our Grand Secretary at Raleigh, our Grand Treasurer at Wilmington, two of our Grand Representatives in Raleigh and one in Newbern and so they are distributed over the jurisdiction. Richard J. Jones our Grand Treasurer wears a grand veterans jewel having been an Odd Fellow over fifty years. He is beloved by all the brethren.

On Tuesday evening Capital Lodge No. 147 nominated the following officers for the incoming term: Noble Grand, J. E. Bridges, Vice Grand, Fern Busbee, Secretary, J. J. Bernard, Treasurer Ham F. Smith. With this official staff Capital is found to have a successful term. Officers and brothers, so be it!

Few people, even Odd Fellows themselves realize the magnitude of our orders fraternal benevolent work. Think of an order expending over three million dollars annually for relief alone, which means seven dollars per minute. This work of relief is not by any means, the greatest object of Odd Fellowship, the brotherhood of man, the elevation of human character and the golden rule are among its noble teachings.

Funeral of the Late R. W. Best.

The remains of the late R. W. Best were interred in Oakwood cemetery Saturday morning. There were no services at the church and Mr. R. H. Bradley officiated at the grave with Masonic ceremonies. Mr. Best was one of the early members of Wm. G. Hill Lodge of Masons. The pall-bearers were: B. T. Gray, A. Jones, T. W. Blake, Jas. A. Briggs, W. N. Snelling, F. A. Watson, J. C. Birdsong and Thomas Pence.

Reception Tomorrow Evening.

The following invitations were issued today: "Mr. John Campbell Weir presents his compliments and requests the pleasure of your company at his home Tuesday evening, December 29th at eight o'clock; informal gathering of friends."

Masonic.

Hiram Lodge, No. 40, will convene at Masonic Hall tonight at 7 o'clock for the purpose of installation of officers. Members are requested to be present, especially the officers-elect. Brethren of sister lodges are cordially invited. By order, W. W. Wilson, W. M. E. B. Thomas, Sec'y.

Proces to Death.

Jake Simmons, (colored) of Tarboro, drank fourteen gills of liquor at a bar-room in that place, another man offering to pay for all he would drink. He was placed in the lock-up (with no fire, it was a very cold night) and Xmas morning he was found dead. Now, the question is discussed, who is responsible for his death—the bar-keeper or the town authorities?

35 PLUNGED TO DEATH

A Passenger Train Crashes Through a Bridge In Ala.

WRECK TOOK FIRE.

Worst Wreck in History of Southern Railroads Done by Wreckers—Few Passengers Escaped—Train Dropped 110 Feet. By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 28.—One of the most disastrous wrecks in the history of Southern railroads, happened thirty-six miles south of here last night at 7:50.

The ill-fated train was a L. & N. one, which runs from here to Bloomington, a distance of forty miles. The train left here at 5:30 in charge of Engineer Frank White and conductor A. P. Council.

Four miles north of Bloomington the entire train, made up of an engine, baggage and two passenger coaches, crashed through a bridge 700 feet long and 120 feet high into the Cahaba River.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 28.—It is now thought that the list of fatalities from yesterday's railroad disaster at the Cahaba river bridge may reach thirty-five. Men are still working at the ruins. It is expected that today's search will reveal more dead bodies. Twenty-seven were known last night to have been killed. Many bodies will never be identified, being charred beyond recognition. The bridge was an old wooden structure with an iron span. Just at the beginning of the bridge a rail was removed by the train wreckers. Their object was supposedly robbery. The river was only three feet deep.

Notice to Subscribers.

Nearly a month ago notice was given that the price of the Press-Visitor after January 1st, 1897, would be 35 cents per month instead of 25 cents per month. Accordingly all bills presented after that date will be at that figure. Those who do not wish to pay at that rate have the privilege of paying up and discontinuing their subscription between now and January 1st. Those who let their subscription run over into the month of January will be expected to pay at the increased rate of 35 cents per month when bill is presented. Any one will have the privilege of paying \$3.00 for one year in advance any time between now and January 1st, and any one will have the privilege of paying in advance for any number of months at 25 cents per month, provided payment is made before January 1st.

It is gratifying to us to note that the Press-Visitor has not lost a dozen subscribers up to date in consequence of the raise in price and these have been replaced by new subscribers. This convinces us that our subscribers think that we are entitled to and are willing to pay the increased yet modest price we ask, because they feel that the Press-Visitor is worth it.

Mr. William Andrews Back from Mexico.

Mr. William J. Andrews, eldest son of Col. A. B. Andrews, who is Secretary to Minister Ransom at the American legation in Mexico arrived in the city Friday to spend the holidays with relatives and friends. The dry climate of the City of Mexico seems to have agreed with Mr. Andrews. He never looked better. Mr. Andrews has been a careful observer of the conditions in Mexico as well as the customs of the people and he has acquired a deal of valuable information concerning our Southern neighbor. Mr. Andrews talks pleasantly and entertainingly of the country and the people, which have been a special object of interest since the recent campaign opened.

Ladies Hospital Association.

The Ladies Hospital Aid Association will meet tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon at 4 o'clock in the supreme court building. A full meeting is desired as matters of importance will come up.

By Order of the President.

Mrs. F. A. Olds. Attention! Centre Lodge, K. of P.

The regular meeting of Centre Lodge, No. 3, Knights of Pythias, will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. All members are urgently requested to be present, as business of much importance will be transacted. All visiting brethren will meet with a cordial welcome. R. C. RIVERS.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 28. Market quotations furnished by E. B. Cuthbert & Co., 30 Broad street, New York, and 305 Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C., over their special wire:

Table with columns: MONTHS, OPENING, HIGH, LOW, CLOSING. Rows for January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, Sept'mb'r, October, November, December.

Closed steady sales 194,800 bales.

Table with columns: Commodity, Price. Rows for Sugar, American Tobacco, Burlington and Quincy, Chicago Gas, Dea. and Cst. Feed, General Electric, Louisville and Nashville, Manhattan, Rock Island, Southern Preferred, St. Paul, Tennessee Coal and Iron, Western Union.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today:

Table with columns: Commodity, Price. Rows for Wheat—May, 82; July, 76; Corn—May, 25; July, 24; Oats—May, 19; July, 18; Pork—January, 7.60; May, 7.90; Lard—January, 3.80; May, 4.00; Clear Rib Sides—January, 3.80; May, 4.00.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

Table with columns: Month, Price. Rows for December, January, February, March, April, May, June.

A Drammers' Banquet.

A great gathering of commercial travelers will assemble at the winter health resort, Southern Pines, N. C., on Tuesday, January 12th. A banquet is to be given these travelers and their friends by the proprietor of the Piney Woods Inn, which is one of the finest hotels in the South. It contains a theatrical hall, numerous parlors, and has every modern convenience including electric lights, steam heat, call bells, etc., yet it is located in the woods. The editorial fraternity generally, have had a special invitation to join these happy, genial travelers in their feast of good things. No doubt it will be one of the most pleasant entertainments ever given and the "boys" and their friends will enjoy the occasion very much.

Cuthbert & Co., to Continue.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. New York, Dec. 28.—A member of the firm of E. B. Cuthbert & Co., said this afternoon that a great deal of misapprehension has been caused by the retirement of one of the members of the firm, Mr. William Euclid Young. "This action," said he, "has been in contemplation for some time past, and the original partnership agreement entered into by our firm having expired, we decided not to renew the same. Our firm remains the same, with this exception, and our business will continue as usual."

Spain Checked by Her Weakness.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor. New York, Dec. 28.—Correspondent Greelmen wires from Madrid since his interview with Minister Canovas that nothing but the weakness of Spain prevents her from answering the action of the United States senate committee by a direct threat of war.

Death of Thomas B. Smith.

This old and well known citizen of Raleigh died at the residence of his sister, Miss Beattie Smith, 410 West Jones street, this morning at 5 o'clock. The funeral services will be held at the First Presbyterian church Tuesday at 3:30 o'clock and will be conducted by the pastor and the Rev. Dr. Norman.

Mr. C. K. Ayer and Miss Celeste Ayer, of Home, Ga., who have been visiting Mrs. V. C. Ayer, returned home this morning.

MR. R. B. DE VAULT DEAD

Tomorrow Would have been His Wedding Day.

Mr. R. B. De Vault died yesterday morning at the residence of Mrs. Ayer on the corner of Hargett and Salisbury streets after an illness of more than two months.

Tomorrow would have been Mr. De Vault's wedding day had he lived and retained his health, but such was not to be. The young man spoke often during his sickness of the young lady to whom he was engaged and the bare mention of it seemed to cheer and brighten him. A fatal disease—heart trouble—took him away.

Mr. De Vault was in the twenty-sixth year of his age. He was a native of Tennessee and came here in '94 from Leesburg, an adjacent town to Jonesboro. Since his residence in Raleigh, Mr. De Vault has been connected with the North Carolina Home Insurance Company. He served the company efficiently and faithfully and held the high esteem of all his superior officers. Mr. De Vault had many acquaintances during his residence in Raleigh. He was a Mason and a Pythian. His remains were taken to his home in Tennessee at 2 p. m. this morning accompanied by Prof. Kilgore and Mr. Clarence Johnson. Mr. De Vault leaves a mother and father and sister and brother.

BRIEFS.

Mr. E. C. Potter spent Xmas in the city with relatives and friends.

Miss Ethel Bagley will entertain the Euchre club tomorrow afternoon.

An impromptu german will be given at the Capital club this evening.

Senators Butler and Pritchard are both expected to arrive here this week.

Messrs. Adams & Howe, wholesale grocers of New York City, sent the "Old Woman's Home" a Xmas gift of five dollars through Mr. D. T. Johnson.

Mr. J. L. Gelschaen and family are in the city spending the holidays with Mr. H. B. Greason, Superintendent of the Raleigh Cotton Mills.

Miss Meta Dean who has been spending the Christmas with Misses Dixie and Hattie Davis, left for her home in Millbrook today.

Sanitary Inspector Sale has returned from a trip South, including Atlanta, where he made a thorough examination of the sanitary system which is one of the best in the South.

Mr. H. A. Williams, the new train-master of the Greensboro-Goldsboro division of the Southern, was in the city today. Mr. Williams succeeds Mr. Ewing who has been transferred to Asheville.

Fire alarm from box 37 was turned in yesterday shortly after 6 o'clock. The fire originated from a chimney in the residence of Mr. John S. Schwartz of West Hargett street. Little damage was done.

Sheriff Jones gave the jail birds, of whom there are some fifty, a bountiful and very tempting Christmas dinner. Turkey and mince pie were included in the bill of fare. It was a happy day in jail.

Everybody seems to have had a merry Christmas judging from the way they bought at Whiting Bros. Now the rush is over this firm has commenced to fill in their broken stock and will offer bargains in odds and ends to close out. Read their "catching" "ad" in tomorrow's issue.

Mr. E. H. Lee left today for Liverpool and other points in England. Mr. Lee will be gone about 60 days or probably longer. His host of friends will join the Press-Visitor in wishing him a most pleasant journey abroad.

That veteran engineer, Jacob Hicks, has been transferred from the N. C. Railroad to the Moxlesville branch and his running mate, engineer Swann to the Chapel Hill railroad. Both have pulled the throttle many years, and in view of their increasing years and the need of lighter duty, the changes were made.

SHORT STATEMENTS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

Put-Porter of the News Pictured on a pier—Points and Points Pertinently Picked and Pithily Put in Print.

Judge Green has moved from Boone to Lenoir and will make his home at the latter place.

A dance will be given tonight under the auspices of the Capital Club at the club ball room.

The board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. held their last meeting of the year, this evening at 8 o'clock.

The ladies auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will meet tomorrow morning at 11:30 to complete plans for the reception to be tendered the young men on Friday, Jan. 1st., from 8 to 10 p. m.

Regular meeting of Wm G Hill Lodge, No. 218, A F and A M, to-night at 7:30 o'clock. Installation of officers.

Mr. John H. Winder, who is now with Sharp & Bryan, of New York, is in the city spending the holidays and it is a pleasure to his friends to greet him.

The job printing outfit of F. M. Messier of this city has been secured by the Raleigh Tribune, the new republican daily. The plant will be removed to Raleigh within a few days. Mr. Messier will have charge of the job department of the Tribune.—Asheville Gazette.

Mr. George W. Thompson of the Commercial and Farmer's Bank is the champion holiday shot up to date. He brought down eighteen birds on Christmas day. There may be others but they have not yet been heard from, so Mr. Thompson holds the palm.

This morning H. H. Allen, who was sentenced to eighteen months, and Wm Pender for four years in the Federal penitentiary at Albany at the recent term of Federal court were taken north by Marshal Carroll's deputies. Both prisoners were sentenced for counterfeiting.

The ladies' auxiliary, of the Y. M. C. A. will have a special meeting tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock and every member is requested to be present. The reception to the young men will be given at an early date. The mothers and sisters of the city are desired to aid the auxiliary.

Mr. R. E. L. Bunch, who has been spending Christmas in the city with relatives, returned to Washington, D. C., this morning. It was a pleasure to Mr. Bunch's many friends in Raleigh to shake his hand again. They note with interest his high stand in the railway world.

We make our acknowledgments to the firm of E. B. Cuthbert & Co., and to their Raleigh manager, Mr. G. E. Leach, for a very handsome and elegant Christmas souvenir in the form of a morocco and gold mounted pocket book. It is beautiful as well as useful, and its get-up is indicative of the character of the live and progressive firm by whom it is presented.

The progressive firm of W. H. King & Co. wish our readers a happy and prosperous and healthy new year. They hope you will not get sick, but if you will get sick any how they can come as near restoring your health as any body you ever saw by furnishing you the purest and best drugs and the most carefully and accurately compounded prescriptions. Read their advertisement and keep your eye on it. There was a great deal of interest by the little girls in Raleigh over the contest for the Buck Junior Range awarded by Messrs. T. H. Briggs and Sons, to the little girl under 14 years of age who collected the largest number of their ads with Bucks Trade Mark out of regular editions of the Press-Visitor and News and Observer. The different collectors carried them to Messrs Briggs and Sons Saturday morning, December 26. Miss Eliza Pool and Miss Mary Marsh counted the advertisements and Virgie Edgerton having brought in the largest number was awarded the Range. She had seventeen thousand two hundred and forty six.