

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."

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."

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.

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."

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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."

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.

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.

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.

A great gathering of commercial travelers will assemble at the winter health resort, Southern Pines, N. C., on Tuesday, January 12th.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Correspondent Greenleaf writes 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.

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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, September, October, November, December.

The following were the closing quotations on the New York Stock Exchange today: New York Stock Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today: Wheat—May, 82; July, 76 1/2.

The following were the closing quotations on the Liverpool Cotton Market: December, 3.57 b; December-January, 3.56 b.

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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.

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SHORT STATEMENTS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

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