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EDITORIAL NOTES

The North Carolina Agricultural Society decides to hold in the city of Raleigh, a State Fair and Exposition during the month of October, 1899 and appeals to the people of the State, to aid in making this Exposition a success.

The Statesville Landmark publishes a list of North Carolina crimes and casualties of Christmas week, and fills about two columns thus. These crimes were largely a result of our Christian way of celebrating the anniversary of Christ's birth.

Mr. W. J. Bryan's "The American people have shown that they can take a city; will they restrain the desire for conquest?" sounds rather ineluctant when compared with the Biblical "Better he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

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The Wall street howlers for years have jered at Kansas because, they said, its State officers were "cranky Populists." Now the Republican Governor elect states that he will not sign a warrant for the death of John Collins, convicted of murdering his father, because he does not believe in capital punishment.

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is glad to hear that the agricultural bill passed the House in a jiffy. Even expected opposition or at least delay, was not made. It is now before the Senate and will undoubtedly receive favorable action. In view of the fact that increased appropriations were asked in several branches, the friends of the bill are much pleased. The amount carried is \$3,695,322. The farmers pay the taxes and they should have some of the benefit.

Tobacco trusts, triplate trusts, city lighting trusts, West Indies trusts, Cuban trusts, elevator trusts, pottery trusts, flour trusts, street railway trusts—these are a few of the immensely wealthy combines whose formation THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER has recorded within the last month. And yet the Asheville Citizen has the audacity to suggest that "there are statutes on the books forbidding the formation of trusts and there are officials who have solemnly sworn to enforce these laws!"

STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A meeting of the State Horticultural Society has been called to meet at Southern Pines on Friday and Saturday, the 6th and 7th of January. The horticultural interests of North Carolina have been neglected, and this meeting should be largely attended. Those of our farmers who find no money in five cent cotton would do well to go and investigate the condition of the fruit growing industry in this State and of those who are engaged in it.

The Asheville Citizen (Dem) "does not believe that the Democratic party of North Carolina is inclined to take from the colored people of the State the opportunities which have been and are being afforded in our public schools for their education. "They should," it says, "be given the rudiments of an education. There may be some doubts as to the ability of that race to rise with education, but there can be none as to its inevitable decline without it." The Charlotte Observer also announces that it has looked this proposition over with a good deal of care and it fails to find anything wrong with it. "We can't afford," it says, "to allow these people to rule us, but they are here, and we should do right by them, as becomes a humane and Christian people, and one of the ways of doing this is to give them 'the rudiments of an education,' without which their decline in the scale of being must be, as our contemporary says, inevitable."

Littleton News-Reporter (Dem): The next legislature would bestow a law favoring upon its constituents if it would pass a law imposing a tax upon dogs. There are more half fed, worthless dogs running over the country jeopardizing life and property than there are fat sheep on the farms, the latter valuable property, the former a worthless nuisance.

THE LEGISLATURE.
It cannot be denied that the legislature, which will be in session in this city before this item is read by the majority of our readers, is an able one. Indeed, we are much surprised to find that in the heat and passion of such a filthy campaign as was that of '98 men of such character and ability were selected as party leaders. Many, very many, good men who were legislative candidates were defeated in the recent election, and it seems that all parties put forth only their best men as legislative candidates last year. This plan should be encouraged and we hope will be adopted in 1900.

The legislature, too, has had its full quota of advice, and though a few hot heads may attempt something rash, we are sure that wiser counsel will prevail. The advice of the Democratic press, given so freely and in such quantities, has as a whole been very good, though we have noticed with shame their cowardice on an important question such as Superintendent Mebane's plan to tax the gross earnings of railroads for the benefit of public schools. But the legislators will, we hope, remember that the people will excuse no cringing to monopoly and no neglect of the 600,000 boys and girls of the State.

That radical changes in our suffrage laws will be made is assured, and it is very likely that the school law will also be worked over. As to election laws, it has leaked out that the Louisiana law is much liked by the Democratic Executive Committee. This practically establishes an educational and property qualification for negroes, but not for whites. This is done by demanding an educational and property qualification for all voters, except those who were entitled to vote in 1867 or their descendants. (The negro had not then been enfranchised.) We do not understand how such an open violation of the Fifteenth Amendment to our National Constitution can pass the scrutiny of our courts, though we confess that the North now seems to have less love for the negro than the South, and will doubtless take no hand in the matter.

Altogether, this session of the legislature will doubtless be a stormy one. Much is expected of it and to the people it cannot be an ordinary one; it must be a great failure or a great success.

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER will as usual give a full account of the acts of our new law makers and greets them with the hope that they may Ring out a slowly dying cause, And ancient forms of party strife; Ring in the nobler modes of life, With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Please do not fail when writing us to enclose names and addresses of a few acquaintances who you think might be induced to subscribe. We wish to send them sample copies. Also state in what way you think the paper may be improved.

IMPORTANT.
The Railroad Commission meets in Raleigh, January 10th. President John Graham and Business Agent Parker, of the State Alliance, will go before the Commission and ask that the minimum car load of fertilizer be reduced from 15 to 10 tons. Other farmers who are interested in this matter are earnestly requested to join them.

THE OVERSHADOWING REFORM

The initiative and referendum is pure Jeffersonian, Jacksonian and Bryan democracy, and pure Lincoln republicanism, and yet not a Democratic nor Republican nor Populist paper in the State has yet endorsed our plan to have the next legislature propose an amendment to our State Constitution, providing for this reform. Not another paper in this State, so far as we know, has told its readers of South Dakota's new constitutional amendment of this kind. How completely plutocracy controls the great dailies of the country is shown by the fact that the press dispatches have never yet mentioned the matter.

For our part, we consider the initiative and referendum the overshadowing reform now before the American people. We favor free silver, government control of railways, etc., etc., but would support a party avowedly hostile to these but in favor of the initiative and referendum, rather than one favoring these and hostile to the latter reform. As Mr. Kidd, the father of the South Dakota amendment, said last year: "We will lose nothing if we throw the dices to the crowd, and while they are fighting over them we proceed to secure this great weapon. Then we will be able to fight our battles without organizing a new party every campaign."

"I care very little who have the office this year, if we—the people—get the initiative and referendum." The initiative and referendum secured, party passion and prejudice

would no longer be a stumbling block in the way of reform, and the misrepresentation and lying common to political campaigns would largely disappear. Give us then the initiative and referendum. Some party, we feel sure, will in 1900 advocate a South Dakota amendment for North Carolina, and that party, whether Democratic, Republican or Populist, should, and we hope will, triumph.

WORK AT HEADQUARTERS.

Chairman Denmark, of the State Alliance Executive Committee, returned Saturday from Hillsboro, where the Committee met Thursday and Friday. He asks us to say to the brethren that their business there is being properly managed and the Business Agency shows larger assets and smaller liabilities than at the State Alliance meeting.

The Hillsboro Sub has adopted a new regalia, cheap, but inexpensive, which the Committee recommends to the various Subs in the State. Write Bro. J. T. B. Hoover, Secretary-Treasurer, at Hillsboro for further information. Do not fail to order from him a supply of new rituals also. The new ritual is a decided improvement on the old, being shorter and more impressive. The shoe factory shut down a week for Christmas, but is at work again and is turning out shoes of the best quality.

If you have not tried these shoes—all prices for men, women and children—do not fail to order a pair before the factory closes down temporarily (30 days from now). If you have tried them, we are sure you are so well pleased that you will not fail to order another pair at once. Remember to order at once, as time is limited.

The writer and Bro. Denmark are wearing some of the \$2.75 brand and find them superior to \$3 shoes made by other factories. Bro. Berj Irby, of this city, is convinced that they are superior to \$4 shoes made by other factories.

NEW REGULATIONS AS TO THE CATTLE QUARANTINE.

The annual regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture concerning cattle transportation in North Carolina were issued Dec. 19, 1898.

The quarantine line in North Carolina is "Beginning at the southwest corner of the county of Cherokee, thence east along the southern boundary line of the counties of Cherokee, Clay, Macon, Jackson and Transylvania to the southeast corner of the county of Transylvania; thence northwesterly along the eastern boundary of Transylvania county to the southwest corner of the county of Buncombe; thence easterly along the southern boundary line of Buncombe county to the summit of Blue Ridge Mountains; thence in a northeasterly direction, following the said mountains to their intersection with the northern boundary line of the State of North Carolina."

From the first day of January, 1899 no cattle are to be transported from said area south or east of said Federal quarantine line in North Carolina above described to any portion of the United States outside the quarantined area excepting:

- 1 When carried by rail or boat for immediate slaughter.
2 Cattle originating in said area may after having been properly dipped under supervision of an inspector of the United States Department of Agriculture, be shipped without further restriction, excepting such as may be required by local authorities at point of destination. Provided that application be first made to this department, and permission granted to establish dipping stations, and that after being dipped the cattle are certified by an inspector of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry and that the cattle when dipped be shipped in clean cars and not be driven through the infected district or unloaded therein except at such point as may be duly designated by an order issued by this department.
3 From November 1 to December 31, inclusive, cattle from said area, which are found free of infection upon inspection by officers of this department, may be moved north of the quarantine line without restriction other than may be enforced by local regulations at destination. If evidence of infection is found upon such inspection the cattle must be dipped in accordance with the provisions of section 2 above before being moved north of the quarantine line.
4 Notice is hereby given that cattle infected with the Borophilus bovis or Southern cattle tick, disseminate the contagion of splenetic or Southern fever (Texas fever); therefore cattle originating outside of the district described by this order, or amendments thereof and which are infested with the Borophilus bovis ticks shall be considered as febricitant cattle and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the movement of Southern cattle.

TREASURER WORTH'S REPORT.

The State Treasurer's Report for the two fiscal years closed November 30th, 1898, now in press, will show that the Treasury had at the beginning of the period embraced in the Report a balance of \$88,353.03 to the credit of the Public fund. The Receipts were for the two years \$2,646,244.21, and the disbursements \$2,549,817.83 leaving a balance November 30th, 1898 of \$185,279.91, an increase of \$96,926.88.

The accounts have been divided into two classifications; first, the funds received to be disbursed on specific accounts raised for certain specific purposes, and to be used for no other purposes, such as Tonnage Tax on Fertilizers, which can only be used by the Department of Agriculture, the Penitentiary Earnings which go only to the Penitentiary, the dividends from stock in the N. C. R. R. Co., which go only to pay the interest on the 6 per cent. bonds, and the U. S. appropriation to the Experiment Station and the A. & M. College. These constitute the specific accounts. While the funds raised for the purpose of meeting the general ordinary expenses of the State government, interest on the 4 per cent. bonds, Pensions and appropriations, is called the ordinary fund. The Report shows that the ordinary receipts for the two years were \$1,828,321.46, while the ordinary Disbursements were \$1,807,605.73, showing net receipts above expenditures of this account of only \$20,715.73, while in 1897 the receipts were less than the expenditures by \$17,557.81. Receipts were in excess in 1898 by \$38,273.54 leaving the net balance as above.

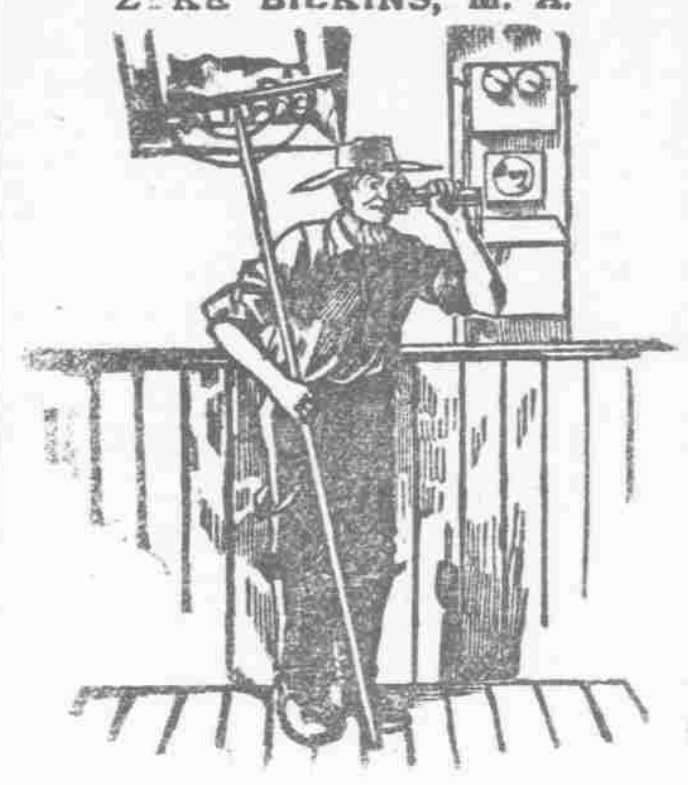
Funds received on the specific accounts for the two years were, Total \$817,922.75, and Disbursements \$741,711.60. Leaving a balance gained during the period of \$76,211.15 to the credit of the specific objects.

The principle item of the "ordinary" payments during the two years, other than expenses of State government proper, were: Pensions \$204,507.50 Interest on 4 per cent. bonds \$274,911.94 Permanent Improvements: School for the Deaf and Dumb, at Morgantown, \$20,000 Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and blind at Raleigh \$57,000. Capitol Square \$2,500. Cost of General Assembly of 1897 \$70,669.75, and supplemental appropriation to public schools \$10,856.70, making a total of \$640,526.89. Deducting this amount from the total expenditures of the ordinary fund \$1,807,605.73 leaves \$1,167,078.84, and average of \$583,539.92 per year for all ordinary expenditures.

Covered in this however are the annual appropriations to the various institutions, for maintenance as follows: Insane Asylum \$55,450, State Hospital \$90,000, Eastern Hospital \$40,000, Criminal Insane \$3,000, Oxford Orphanage \$1500, University of N. C. \$25,000, Geological Survey \$10,000. The sum of these items is \$394,450, which deducted from the \$583,539.92 the annual expenditures for all ordinary purposes leaves \$189,089.92 to cover all the expenses of the State government, including the Judiciary Department, which alone cost \$62,646.89.

These are interesting figures, and notwithstanding the fact that so much has been said about the extravagance of the present administration, it will be seen that every dollar appropriated by the General Assembly of 1897 has been paid and the Treasurer holds a net increase in available balance of \$96,926.88, which is a matter of congratulation and constrains us to say to our excellent Treasurer: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

The daily papers for several days back have been full of the news of election rioting in North Carolina. Many serious altercations have occurred at Wilmington resulting in the death of many negroes. The question of white supremacy has been raised by the politicians, and much bloodshed is the result. The Mercury is not prepared to take the side of the negro in the present controversy in the old North State. The effect of his suffrage on the South has been a baleful one because of the evident fact that it has been invariably exercised in the interest of and his vote ever recorded with the oppressors of the plain people. His environments unfit him for an intelligent use of the suffrage, and his vote is an additional weapon placed in the hands of the classes to further oppress the masses, and the sooner the statesmanship of the Nation is apprised of this fact the better it will be for the Nation. But while this is true of the negro, it is also true of the proletariat, and where the line of demarcation shall be drawn is a problem for sagacious men to answer. Such conflicts as have been waged in North Carolina for a week back cannot be permitted to continue to periodically shock the Nation and to arouse race antagonisms. What shall we do about it—Dallas (Tex) Mercury, (Pop) Nov. 1898.



B—"Hello! Mr Editor"
R—"Hello! Major Hope you pulled through the Christmas holidays all right."

B—"Yes, I got along purty well. I've put in most ov my time a sprucing up ter go ter Raleigh next week an' bombard the legislature for a piece ov pie. Batsy huz bin a brushin' up my clothes an' roovin' plenty ov taller into my shoes. I'm goin' ter put on a new necktie that will paralyze ever dudd in Raleigh, an' I'm tryin' ter borrow one ov them tall churn ba's Batsy huz bin talkin' sorer discouragin' ter me erbout my chances, but I'm not scared. I've done bin ter Raleigh and picked out my feller what tries ter cut me out ov my rites. I'm goin' ter carry my gun erlong fer business. Batsy says they'll be at least 120,000 patriots there in person or by proxy ter grab up the jobs, but I don't care anything erbout numbers, its a ground hog case with me. The low down politician that gits my job will hev ter fite fer it. Batsy sez I'm not eligible ter office under this legislature, but I'll show 'em who's who. Give me office or give me death iz my slogan an' no one must dispute it. Eugebye."

CHANGES AT THE PENITENTIARY.

One of the most surprising of recent political events in this State is thus described by the Associated Press in a dispatch from Raleigh, Dec. 28th:

"A sensation was created here this morning by the announcement that J. M. Mewbourne, the fusion superintendent of the penitentiary, had resigned and Captain W. H. Day, a Democratic lawyer, had been named by Governor Russell as his successor. Mr. Mewbourne's resignation takes effect January 1. Not even the most intimate friends of the interested parties knew of the contemplated change in management. Captain Day has accepted the position and today announced that he would fill all the subordinate offices with Democrats. He has already appointed J. R. Tilley, of Halifax county, as manager of the State farms, and F. B. Arendell, of Raleigh, manager of the central prison. "Governor Russell only two weeks ago appointed a Democrat as Adjutant General of the State, and since then he has made the board of directors for several of the institutions Democratic."

SOME ONE SHOULD SUFFER.

The war investigating committee has discovered some tell tale facts in their efforts to learn why ten times as many American soldiers died in camps as did on the field of battle. Brigadier General Vile says that the meat given his soldiers "was a miserable apology for food in a hot climate, a slimy looking mass of beef scraps, unpalatable to the taste, and repulsive to the sight. Competition for the contracts placed the price so low that only tailings and scraps were used for canning."

Chief Surgeon Daly is reported by the dailies of Dec 31st as testifying as follows: "When detailed to take charge of the transport Panama for conveying convalescents to the United States, I obtained 2,000 pounds of fresh beef from the commissary at Ponce. It looked well, but had an odor similar to that of a dead human body after being injected with preservatives, and tasted when first cooked like decomposed boric acid while after standing a day for further inspection it became so bitter, nauseous and unpalatable as to be quite unfit for use. I was therefore obliged, owing to its condition, and the just complaints of the sick about it, and the disgustingly sickening odor it emitted" when being cooked, and its mawkish, flat taste when served, and the safety of patients, to throw 1,500 pounds (all we had) overboard; consequently the convalescents were entirely without much needed fresh beef."

Perhaps there should be a difference between the punishment accorded the man who kills with neglect and the man who kills with a knife, but we are not prepared to acknowledge it. The men who are to blame for this condition of affairs in our army should be made to suffer.

STATE NEWS.

Cream of the State Press—Drops of Turpentine Extracts of Rice from the East. Clusters of Grapes and Tobacco Stems from the North—Stalks of Corn and Grains of Wheat from the West—Peanuts and Cottonseed from the South.

The Duke cigarette factory will this year make 7,000,000 pounds of cigarettes.

Eight prisoners, all colored, escaped from Franklin county jail on Tuesday night of last week.

While felling a tree in Randolph county last Friday, a man named Denny Alred was killed by a limb.

The Danville Register has been purchased by John R. Webster, of Ridsville, N. C. The price paid was \$4,050.

John W. Starnes, a prominent citizen of Asheville, who once represented Buncombe county in the Legislature, died last week.

It is asserted that in the legislature not 25 votes will be cast against the bill requiring the provision of separate cars for whites and blacks.

Articles of agreement were last week filed with the Secretary of State for the J. Van Lindley Nursery Company at Pomona, in Guilford county.

Wake jail is quite crowded, and the arrival of Tom Smith, the murderer from Johnston county, last night brings the number of murderers up to six.

The consecration of Rev. Junice Moore Horner, as Bishop of the missionary jurisdiction of Asheville, occurred at Trinity church, Asheville, Dec. 28th.

The people of the lower or eastern end of Richmond county will apply to the legislature for the formation of Scotland county, with the county seat at Laurinburg.

It is regularly reported and as regularly denied that the 3rd North Carolina Regiment (negro) which is commanded by James H. Young, is to be mustered out of service at an early date.

The Winston Journal says that Dr. B. J. Sapp, of Kernersville, killed a turkey for Christmas that weighed 34 pounds, and after being dressed, 31 pounds. One gallon of oil was taken from it.

Governor Russell has appointed Mr. W. N. Jones director of the school for the deaf, dumb and blind, vice James H. Young (col.), resigned. The board now stands: two Democrats and five Fusionists.

Pos: Hon. D. H. Caldwell, died December 30th at Greensboro, N. C., after an illness of over a year. He was stricken with paralysis several months ago and had a second stroke a few days ago.

The Charlotte News issued last Friday an industrial edition of 64 pages. It comprised an illustrated write-up of Charlotte, Mecklenburg county and surrounding towns and sections. THE FARMER congratulates the News upon its enterprise.

Charlotte has put a \$500 tax on those who sell fireworks and a \$50 tax on those who use them. Since reading reports of the damage done by fireworks in other cities, we are inclined to believe that she has acted wisely.

The next legislature will be asked to amend the Railroad Commission act so as to give the Commission power to fix rates for the Pullman Car Company, and make such changes in crossings as the safety and convenience of the public demand.

A Durham correspondence of the Raleigh Post says: It is learned authoritatively that several schools in this county whose teachers receive from \$25 to \$35 per month, have been running for some time with an average of three scholars and less.

Fayetteville, Dec. 29.—The Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad was sold here today under an order by Judge Simonson in the United States Circuit court and was bought by the Atlantic Coast Line for \$3,110,000. The road was sold as an entirety.—Post.

Tuesday night of last week Archie Kinsauls, charged with murder, was taken from the jail at Clinton, Sampson county, by a mob, and has not been heard of since. It is believed that the mob was composed of friends of Kinsauls, who desired to release him.

Murphy Bulletin: While Cherokee county is not by any means clear of indebtedness; it is probably in the best financial condition ever before in its history. Cherokee bonds are in demand at a good premium, and the county has no debt now due that she cannot pay on demand.

At a Christmas entertainment at Rose of Sharon church, in Lenoir county, on the night of the 22d, an altercation ensued between several young men in which Jacob Daugherty was so badly cut that he died next day. Jim Eabanks was arrested, charged with the cutting.