THE PUBLIC LEDGER.

By JOHN T. BRITT.

ISSUED EVERY THURSDAY MORNING

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Trusts is all the go now! A soap trust is the latest and wants to make a clean sweep.

Between taxes and trusts we ask what is to become of the farmers and laboring people in this country?

A cigar trust is one of the early steps in the Americanization of Cuba. One has been formed in Havana with $20,000,000.

It makes no difference which way the people turn taxes stare them in the face. Taxation! O taxation! what glory in thy great name!

The pen is mightier than the sword, but when it comes to making up an official record of a court of inquiry in the War Department the whitewash brush may be mightier than either.

The people who are calling the winter just now on the ragged edge an old fashioned winter are not old enough themselves to remember that it knocks out any old fashioned winter we have had for years and years.

That Western Judge who sentenced a law breaker who couldn't read or write to prison until he learned both and sentenced another who could read and write until he had taught the first one to do both, seems to believe in educational accomplishments.

Through an error in the bill providing a code of laws for Alaska D. Elliott, Clerk of the District Court of Alaska, whose salary is fixed at $2,500, will receive in fees sufficient to make his total remuneration between $20,000 and $25,000 a year. This will make the office the best paid of any in the United States Government, with the exception of the President.

The Springfield Republican thinks that Ex-Senator Gorman means to push Admiral Schley for the Presidency. "As the Presidential candidate, Schley, in Gorman's eyes, would be likely to meet many requirements," says the Republican. "He has no political record, would 'unite' the party and catch some of the war vote. Schley is no statesman, but Gorman would see to that."

"Imperialism brings with it militarism," said Mr. John Morley in addressing some Scotch Liberals, "and militarism means the profusion of the taxpayer's money everywhere except in the taxpayer's pocket." But what does McKinley and the advocates of imperialism care about the taxpayers when they appropriate $1,500,000,000 during the Congress just closed?

The statute of Frances Willard, for which the Illinois Legislature has appropriated $9,000, will be the first statue of a woman ever placed in Statuary Hall of the Capitol building. The law provides that the State may place in the hall statues of "two distinguished persons," and the custodian agrees that under the phraseology the marble or bronze portrait of Miss Willard may be placed among those of the eminent sons of other States.

The Republican and Populists, who, directly after the last election, talked so earnestly in favor of an abridgment of negro suffrage, are now being ridiculed by the Republicans who said nothing and who hold Senator Pritchard's view. But it is known that the mass of the Populists will support the constitutional amendment. Many Republicans say now they will vote for it. They may change their minds, but say they will not.

The railroads of the state are playing a "tit for tat" game with the traveling public, who were so instrumental in securing the passage of the "Jim Crow Car Bill" in the legislature. Railroad companies are generally very successful in finding a way to return a compliment, and this time they have done so by raising the rate on excess baggage twenty-five per cent. The new rate went into effect on March 1st, without notice, we understand, to the traveling public. This raise will, of course, be felt more heavily by commercial travelers, who were almost unanimous in the work of securing separate cars.—Telegram.

A GREAT WORK ACCOMPLISHED.

James H. Pou on Legislature---The Body Earnest and Sober One.

Raleigh correspondent Charlotte Observer says that no man in all North Carolina is better acquainted with the work done by the Legislature than James H. Pou, in speaking to your correspondent said:

The Legislature which adjourned until June of next year accomplished a colossal task. It had to undo four years of harsh, not to say vicious legislation, and it had to take steps to avoid if possible a recurrence of such legislation. The record is a fine one. It was a remarkable legislature. The people believed last summer when they were nominating its members that they were getting a better class of men than usually come to the Legislature, and the work done shows they made no mistake in their selections. The laws when printed will show more satisfactory work than by any former Legislature. It was remarkable in three respects—it was the soberest body of law-makers ever here; not a member was seen drunk during entire session. It was the most serious Legislature on record. Until its work was done nothing that approached levity was seen in its proceedings. Lastly, it was the most laborious Legislature and it accomplished more than was ever before done in 60 days. In that time it removed every particle of the fusion structure which was movable and reorganized the State. It fulfilled its pledges for white supremacy by removing all possibility of negro domination from the threatened counties and this was done by bills for each county, and not by general laws. By the proposed constitutional amendment it enables the people to make white supremacy permanent if they desire to do so. It has reorganized the various institutions and departments and put them in the hands of men who have the confidence of the State. Besides the mere political work of the Legislature, it has passed a great number of wise laws. It has established a Department of Insurance and has codified all the insurance laws of the State and has amplified these laws until now in this class of legislation North Carolina is abreast of the most progressive States and protection against the vast loss from dishonest and insolvent insurance companies is assured. The probate laws of the State have been carefully collated and can hereafter be found in one chapter. This is a great improvement over the present confused condition. The same improvement is made as to laws regarding mechanics' liens. Now these are carefully collated. The same course has been pursued with regard to the law of negotiable instruments, the new law, likewise is one chapter, being admirably drawn and bringing North Carolina into line with the commercial States. The same has been done as to the insanity laws; the railroad commission act is enlarged and in far more efficient form; the separate car law, fair to the people and the railroads, and without abolishing second class rates; the State Guard is provided for and for the first time the bill was supported by all parties. The new election law is a great work and there is what has all the while been needed, that is a separate law for elections in towns, cities, counties and townships. The Agricultural Department is reorganized and all laws relating to it codified and it is given power to establish an immigration bureau and elect a commissioner therefor. The school law is very complete. The township is the unit, but the old system of a committee for each school district is re-established. The school authorities are permitted to apportion the funds so as to give each race schools of the same length of term, but they are permitted to take into consideration the fact that negro teachers can be employed at much less than white teachers and thus they do away with the waste of giving negro teachers higher salaries than necessary and in this way the white people will not suffer the injustice of having so large a proportion of money given to negro schools and to a great extent wasted. It is probable that the adoption of this section of the school law was the inducement not to adopt the amendment to the constitution proposed in the Stubbs educational bill, which meant negro money only for negro schools, which had a favorable committee report and many strong supporters in the Legislature. The revenue law is probably the best ever enacted. It was the policy of the framers of the law to allow no piece of property to escape taxation but not to tax a single piece twice. A number of vexatious taxes were abolished, such as the inheritance tax and the merchants' purchase tax. The rate upon property and poll remains practically what it has heretofore been, yet notwithstanding the fact that the Legislature appropriated $50,000 annually to the penitentiary to put it on its feet again and made liberal appropriations to all the institutions which needed them and reduced no annual appropriation to any institution the Legislature was enabled to appropriate $100,000 to the common schools of the State, in addition to the usual taxes levied for their support, and schools this year in most counties ought to be open full four months, for the first time in the history of the State. In providing for the future educational qualification for suffrage, the State has already begun to improve its educational facilities to meet that requirement. The Legislature authorized a bond issue of $110,000 to pay for the deficiency made by the fusionist management of the penitentiary, and it has authorized the issue of $95,000 in bonds for the purchase of certain leased farms which the State has already greatly improved. The interest charge on these bonds falls upon the penitentiary and not the State and is only about half the rental of the land. These are a few of the important subjects treated by the Legislature within the 60 days. It is predicted that when the laws are printed the people will be astonished at the excellence of the work of this Legislature and I will not be surprised if it goes down into history as at once the wisest and most conservative the State has ever had. In the election of officers its wisdom was again manifest. For railroad commissions it elected an able lawyer, a competent business man and an excellent farmer, representing the three sections of the State—its commercial metropolis, its great agricultural and the trans-montane region, as yet so undeveloped. For insurance commissioner it elected a thorough business and expert insurance man. Its choice of Commissioner of Agriculture and of Labor Commissioner are excellent, the Labor Commissioner being the most popular man in the State with organized labor. As Democrats, people may rejoice at the work of the Legislature; as citizens they may rejoice even more, at what appears to be the beginning of an era of good feeling and of great prosperity.

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THE few remedies which have attained to world-wide fame, as truly beneficial in effect and giving satisfaction to millions of people everywhere, are the products of the knowledge of the most eminent physicians, and presented in the form most acceptable to the human system by the skill of the world's great chemists; and one of the most successful examples is the Syrup of Figs manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. Unlike a host of imitations and cheap substitutes, Syrup of Figs is permanently beneficial in its effects, and therefore lives and promotes good health, while inferior preparations are being cast aside and forgotten. In olden times if a remedy gave temporary relief to individuals here and there, it was thought good; but now-a days a laxative remedy must give satisfaction to all. If you have never used Syrup of Figs, give it a trial, and you will be pleased with it, and will recommend it to your friends or to any who suffer from constipation, or from over-feeling, or from colds, headaches, biliousness, or other ills resulting from an inactive condition of the kidneys, liver and bowels.

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Newbern Journal: One of the incidents of the wind blowing the water out of the river, was the strange sight of the shad fishermen gathering fish from the nets well above the water, making it a veritable fishing in the air. The shad had been caught in the nets and the water running out left the nets suspended from the posts and high above the water, the fisherman having to just go along and pick the fish out of the nets.

The Amen! of marriage is always a baby. Without it, wedlock is a summer field that never blooms, a flower that never buds, a night without stars, a sermon without a benediction, a prayer without an Amen.

There never was a husband worthy of the name, who did not aspire to be the father and the grandfather of healthy, capable children to hand down his name and the fortune accumulated by the sweat of his brow, from generation to generation. There never was a wife fit to bear that noble title, who did not wish to wear womanhood's most glorious crown, the sceptre of motherhood. Thousands of wedded couples, otherwise happy, fall short of wedlock's greatest happiness because they are childless. In the majority of cases, this is because the wife, through ignorance or neglect, suffers from weakness and disease of the organs distinctly feminine. For women who suffer in this way there is one great medicine that does not fail to accomplish its purpose. It is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It acts directly on the delicate organs concerned and makes them strong, healthy, vigorous, virile and elastic. It allays inflammation, heals ulceration, soothes pain and tones the shattered nerves. It fits for wifehood and motherhood. It quickens and vitalizes the distinctly feminine organism. It banishes the maladies of the expectant months and makes baby's introduction to the world easy and almost painless. It insures the little new-comer's health and nourishment in plenty. It is the best supportive tonic for nursing mothers.

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The New School Law.

The bill to codify and amend the school laws of the State is of considerable importance. The law abolishes the county board of education and establishes the county board of schools, of three members, chosen by the General Assembly who will serve for two years, This board will elect the superintendent of schools, who will take the place of the present supervisor. The township feature of school supervision is retained, but it is changed so that the county board elects for each township a board of three directors, and this latter board elects three directors for each school district. The school district committeemen will, as in the present law, have charge of the school property, elect the teachers, etc. The township board is required to divide the money among the school districts according to the needs of each district.

Each township is a unit for purposes of local taxation, and on petition of one-fourth of the qualified electors the county commissioners shall call an election for the purpose of levying a special tax for school purposes. The special tax must not exceed 30 cent on the $100 of property nor 90 cents on the poll.

Each town of not less than 1,000 inhabitants is made a school district, and upon petition of one-fourth of the electors the aldermen are required to call an election for the purpose of levying special taxes for school purposes, the limit being the same as for townships. The aldermen may appoint a board of not less than five nor more than seven school directors for the town. This clause of the law enables towns to establish graded schools without the necessity of a special act.

The law provides also for a State board of three examiners, which is given control of the colored normal schools with the power to prescribe courses of study and appoint the local board of trustees.

A feature of the law that is entirely new to this State is the provision for public high schools in each township.

On petition of a majority of the electors the board of directors for the township are required to set apart funds to maintain a high school to teach more advanced branches than are usually taught in public schools. To this school all children of the township of a certain advancement are eligible, separate schools for the races being provided for.

One section of the law provides that the text books adopted and now in use in the public schools shall continue in use until 1902.

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There is marked pleasure at the knowledge that T. K. Bruner is to be again the secretary to the Board of Agriculture. It is also pleasant to know that he is to be in charge of the exhibit which this State will make at Paris next year. Under an old law the Board of Agriculture is allowed to make such exhibits.

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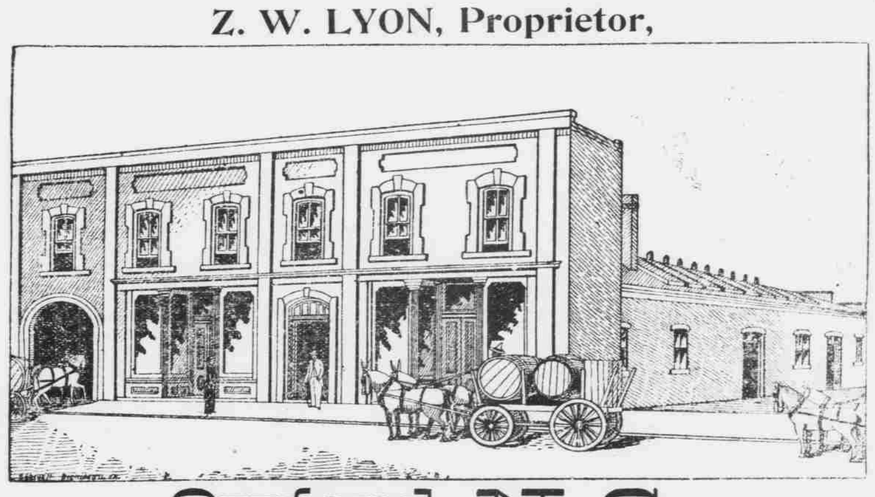

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Ar Monroe	*6 43 p m	*9 12 p m
Ar Charlotte	*7 50 a m	*10 25 p m
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Ar Henderson	3 28 a m	12 50 p m
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Executors Notice.

The undersigned having been duly qualified as executor of the last will and testament of Manson Stewart, de'd, hereby gives notice to all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and to those holding claims against said estate, to present them for payment on or before the 10th day of February, 1900, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This, 8th, Feb., 1899.

JOHN W. HAYS, Executor
Manson Stewart, de'd.

Sale of Land.

By virtue of a Deed in Trust to me executed on the 15th day of March 1893, by F. P. Puryear and Ella his wife, and duly recorded on page 197, book 38 of the record of mortgages in the office of the Register of Deeds of Granville county, and by direction of the cestui-que-trust, I will sell to the highest bidder, for cash, at the court house door in Oxford on

MONDAY THE 27TH DAY OF MARCH, 1899,

three certain lots or parcels of land in the town of Oxford described as follows: Lot No. 1, fronting 87 feet on McClanahan street, adjoining the lots of Mrs. Louise A. Blacknall, A. Crews, Dixie Blacknall, and others; said lot runs back 350 feet. Lot No. 12 fronts 100 feet on a narrow street leading into the Goshen road nearly at right angles near the corporate limits of the town of Oxford, said lot adjoins the lots of Dixie Blacknall, Charlie Blacknall, and land formerly owned by B. H. Cozart and runs back 350 feet. Lot No. 20 is bounded by the Goshen road, the lands of Jack Blacknall, William Blacknall and others and contains 39 1-2 acres; being the lots conveyed to Mrs. Ella Puryear by Mrs. Louisa A. Blacknall by deed dated Feb. 10th, 1893, and duly recorded on page 512, book 47, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Granville county.

ALEX J. FEILD, Trustee.

Feb. 20, 1899.

Notice of Sale of Land.

By virtue of power and authority given to the undersigned as Commissioner by the Superior court of Granville county, N. C., in the case of Cornelius Thorp and others vs. Ritta Townsend and others, I will sell to the highest bidder at the court house door in Oxford, N. C., at 12 noon, on

APRIL 3D, 1899,

the following described tract of land, viz: Lying about one mile south of Pleasants P. O., in Hawtut Grove township, said county of Granville, adjoining the lands of Wesley Thorp on the North, Joe Daniel on the East, William Boyd on the South and Nat Huff on the West, and on the Person county line, and perhaps a short distance over into Person, containing 75 acres, more or less. Said land is the Haywood Thorp dower tract, and is sold for division among his heirs.

Terms: One half cash, and balance in 12 months with 6 per cent. interest on deferred payment. Title retained until the purchase money is paid.

H. M. SHAW, Commissioner.

Feb. 23, 1899. march2.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of Emily H. Allen, deceased, late of Granville county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 2d day of March, 1900, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 1st day of March, 1899.

F. P. HORGOOD, Jr., Adm'r
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