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Governor Aycock Inaugurated.
Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 15.—With bands playing and ten thousand enthusiastic visitors marching to their melody, breathing the balmy atmosphere of a perfect day, the inaugural ceremonies were ushered in today. Long before the time for the ceremonies to commence, the streets were filled with people, while flags fluttered from hundreds of houses to welcome the new Democratic executive officers. The perfect weather, a thousand militia with brass buttons and accoutrements glistening in the sunlight, the various colors of the costumes of the many ladies present, added color and brilliancy to the scene. Not since the enthusiastic inauguration of Governor Vance in 1877, has there been such a show of enthusiasm. The inaugural ceremonies took place upon the eastern lawn of Capitol Square.

Justice Walter Clark administered the oath of office, beginning with the corporation commissioners and ending with Governor Charles Brantley Aycock.
Immediately after he had taken the oath, Governor Aycock delivered his inaugural address, which was listened to by at least 20,000 people. After his address, the military and civic parades took place on Fayetteville street, and was reviewed by the new Governor and his staff.

Labor in North Carolina.
The State labor commissioner today completed the summary of the textile mills in operation June 30, 1900. He says there were 222 of these; 155 cotton, 11 woolen, 50 knitting, including silk and jute. Total number of spindles 1,297,714, an increase of 181,991 in a twelve-month period. Total number looms 29,689, increase 5746. Machines in knitting mills 2028, increase 276. Horse-power 53,455. Average wages of engineers \$1.53, and of firemen 88 cents. The "day's work" in mills ranges from 10 to 12 hours. Highest average wages of men (boys over 14 are counted as men) \$1.72, lowest 51 cents. Women's average wages of 84 to 39 cents. Average wages of children 32 cents. Total number of employees 38,647. Of these 14,939 are men, children 589 are boys and 4000 girls. Eighty-two per cent of adults and 68 per cent of children read and write.

The Electoral College.
The North Carolina Electoral College met in the Senate chamber today, Hon. Dan Hugh McClean, chairman. The speaker nominating Wm. J. Bryan for President was made by Mr. H. L. Cook, of Cumberland; Adlai E. Stevenson, by Mr. W. C. Dowd, of Charlotte. The eleven votes were cast for the nominees and Mr. B. C. Beckwith, of the Fourth district, was sent as a delegate to Washington. Telegrams were sent to Bryan and Stevenson.

Homicide in Macon County.
Last Monday evening about 4 o'clock Bob V. Sumner shot and almost instantly killed George Ledbetter, a young man about 25 years of age. The Press is not informed as to the cause of the trouble, further than that it is reported that there had been some trouble between them some days before. It is said that Sumner and Ledbetter had a quarrel about town, cursing and abusing him, and Sumner tried to avoid a difficulty. At last Sumner drew a .38 calibre pistol and commenced shooting and after four shots dropped the pistol and drew another .45 bore and fired twice. Six shots were fired in all, and four balls struck Ledbetter. He turned and walked a short distance before he fell. He never spoke after the first shot was fired. One ball took effect in the neck and right shoulder, and the others in the right breast and side. Ledbetter had a pistol in his pocket but it is said he did not draw it. When taken from his pocket none of the chambers were empty. Sumner is a young man who has been here since last fall and came from Buncombe county, and was working as a sewing machine agent. He has no friends here so far as we have been able to gather them.

The shooting took place on the public square near Trotter's store and in front of the dispensary. Sumner at once surrendered and was placed in jail.
The Western Hospital.
Col. Olds' correspondence, 14th.
In the course of an interview today with Superintendent Murphy of the Western Hospital for the Insane, he said: "We have 750 patients. There are 400 applications on file. This doesn't cover all the insane in the western district. I estimate that there are 500 such and that of these perhaps 400 are in jails and 100 in county homes. Most of these are kept at home. In many instances they are kept in specially built log huts, sometimes in a room the walls and doors of which have been strengthened. Not infrequently the head of the family has to quit his work to devote his time and attention to the insane member of his family and thus pauperize the entire family. We want accommodations for 400 more patients. We want \$150,000 to provide such accommodations. We will only ask for \$25,000 for the maintenance of the additional 400; that is only \$60 each a year. That is cheaper than their people or their countries can care for them."

North Carolina Year Book.
What the World Almanac is to the United States, the North Carolina Year Book is to North Carolina. It contains the name and address of every public officer in North Carolina; the name and address of every lawyer, doctor, preacher; the names of all State and Educational institutions; the organization of all fraternal and other organizations; figures showing the State, county and city debts; in a word, a mass of interesting material carefully collated that is invaluable to those who wish to know anything about North Carolina.
Walter G. Coleman has been appointed general traveling passenger agent of the Seaboard Air Line, with headquarters in Washington. Mr. Coleman is an experienced railroad man. He has just resigned as auditor of the Philippine archipelago, on account of ill health.

STATE NEWS.

Roadman had a \$10,000 fire in the Randeman Manufacturing Co.'s cotton mill last week.
A new cotton mill is to be built at Charlotte by R. M. Miller and others with capital of \$100,000.
Dr. N. S. Siewers, of Salem, one of the State's most noted physicians, died at his home in Salem Saturday afternoon, aged about sixty years.

State Treasurer Lacy's bond is mounted to \$250,000. There were 13 bondsmen, and the largest amount any one justified for was \$35,000, the smallest \$10,000.
There will be no inauguration ball this time; this is no ball on the night of the inauguration. The Capital Club will give a ball on the night in compliment to the State officers and the legislators.
Pensions have been granted residents of North Carolina as follows: Hiram Williams, Hunting Creek, \$8; Barney McKearn, Leecheville, \$8; and Keziah Arrington, Farmville, \$8.

The annual meeting of the State Sunday School Association will be held at High Point, beginning on Wednesday evening, February 20, at 7:30 p. m., and will close on Friday evening, February 22.
Ex-Sheriff A. B. Long, Sr., aged 93, died at his home near Rutherford Monday. Although he was one of the oldest men in the county, he had been riding a three-year-old mule to town for many months.
The leading Racket Store Company, of Durham, which did a large dry goods business, is in the hands of a receiver. It is an incorporated company and the liabilities are said to be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$28,000 or \$30,000, and the assets will not be over \$16,000.

A sad accident occurred at Lexington Monday night. George Spurgeon, white, aged 40, while attempting to cross the railroad between the two depots, was struck by a freight train, knocked off and died in about ten minutes. He leaves a wife and several children.
The jury in the case of Perry vs. the Western North Carolina Railroad at Morgantown returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, assessing the damages at \$7,000, and judgment for that amount was signed by Judge Council. The railroad gave notice of appeal.

Senator Pritchard has introduced a bill authorizing the establishment of a forest reservation of 2,000,000 acres in the Southern Appalachian Mountains in the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. The bill appropriates \$5,000,000 for purchasing the land.
The Gaither cotton mill, a four story structure located on the south fork of the Catwawa River, collapsed last week. No lives were lost, as the plant was an old one and practically abandoned. This was one of the oldest cotton mills in North Carolina having been erected in 1831.
A band of counterfeiters was arrested at High Point Monday afternoon by Chas. E. Wright, of the United States Secret Service, assisted by United States Marshal Jones and local officers. The names of the counterfeiters are Ezekiel Currely, James Spencer, Will Rach, all white, Wm. Matthews, colored, was arrested also for passing spurious metal.

An outrageous crime occurred Thursday morning near Woody's Mill in Moore county. The woman upon whom the outrage was committed, Mrs. Henry Brewer, a school teacher. The assault was made while Mrs. Brewer was walking alone from her home to the district school house where she was teaching. Silas Martindale, a young white man, was being arrested and identified by Mrs. Brewer as the man who committed the deed.
The Mooreville Enterprise says: There is a lad in our town, 25 years of age who attends services at the various churches every Sabbath when the weather is at all favorable for venturing out. This lad also does all her household work such as cooking, washing, etc. She enjoys the best of health and her weight is unimpaired. It is remarkable that one so preserved who attains such a ripe old age.
Hazing at West Point. Investigating Committee at Work.
The Congressional committee investigating the causes of the deaths of Cadets Booz and Breth and making inquiries regarding practice of hazing at the military institute decided today that every witness called must answer a 9 questions put to them.
Cadet Tyler testified that Cadets Evans and Barry hazed him almost to the verge of collapse in 1898. Evans is still in the Cadet corps while Barry recently was expelled.
Cadet Spaulding, of Michigan testified he was an enthusiastic member of the standing "Scrap" committee, being vice-president of his class. He was asked why cadets did not settle affairs of honor with six shot-revolvers, and witness said the fourth class men then would be at a worse disadvantage than in the rifle competition. He said cadets in a hospital were sometimes asked questions, and there may have been some funny formations but he never heard of a punishment for hazing in a hospital.
Cadet Herr, of New Jersey, testified he had hazed Cadet Grant and the former Cadet Morgan had hazed Cadet Brinton until the latter fainted. Witness hazed whenever he got an opportunity. He had been dismissed for hazing but secured reinstatement from Washington authorities. Cadet Tyler, of Maryland, said he had been hazed four hundred times for no offense at all, was required to hang from a stretcher etc. He told of the hazing of Carpenter, a class mate, who was put to bed suffering from muscular convulsions and hysterical and delirious. Cadet McArthur had been similarly made hysterical and had convulsions. Cadet De Armoud, of Missouri, said he had given tropical pepper sauce to two cadets and hazed others. He had heard of "funny formations" in hospital.

A dispatch of 11th from the Hague says that Mr. Kruger, who had been sick for a week or more has completely recovered.
Miss Eva Roth, a well known young woman of that city, was assaulted on South Broadway, a fashionable residence street of Laven worth, Kan., at 6:40 o'clock Sunday night, by Fred Alexander, colored.

WANTED.
A WHITE WOMAN as housekeeper and to assist in cooking in a small family. Good wages and a good home. Address J. C. M. care of MASCOT, Statesville, N. C.
Kidney Dyspepsia Cure
Digests what you eat.
It instantly digests the food and aids Nature in strengthening and reconstructing the exhausted digestive organs. It is the latest discovered digester and tonic. No other preparation can approach it in efficiency. It instantly relieves and permanently cures Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Heartburn, Flatulence, Sour Stomach, Nausea, Headache, and all other ailments of the stomach and bowels. Price 50c. and \$1. Large size contains 24 times more. Book all about dyspepsia mailed free. Prepared by E. C. DeWITT & CO., Chicago

Some Reasons Against its Establishment.
Mr. Editor: Kindly allow me space in the columns of your paper to set forth in order, a few reflections in regard to a reformatory, a question now agitating the minds of many good people over the State. At first blush, it would appear cruel, as well as inhuman, to offer objections regarding proposed for the reformation of criminal youth.
Reformation means change from worse to better. Now would it not be wiser, more philosophical and a great saving of valuable time and precious opportunity, as well as preventing many miserable failures, to cast about our heads and try to find the crime producing cause, and remove the cause, one or many, if possible? Then the effects would cease. Prevention is a good thing. It is economical and valuable for an ounce of it worth more, and is also applicable to the reformation of reformatory crime. Besides there is an idea involved in the curative or reformatory process, needless to be more than alluded to in passing. The physician who would treat symptoms, when the cause might be justly termed a quack, is not the best principle holds in legislation.
Now let us look about, take the temperature and examine the body politic carefully, with an unprejudiced mind, and see if there be not some general offending cause, and let us seek to remove it. We are in the midst of a reformatory epidemic of youthful crime. In the first place, there is a lamentable laxity and failure in family government and training. This sad failure leaves a generous soil for the planting of any seed the devil may see proper to put there; and leaves unmolested the traffic that without cultivation the soil would not produce. This moral obliquity cannot be rectified by State legislation, only indirectly. The State may and ought to repeal any law regulating, as well as legalizing any traffic, be it ever so remunerative, that is justly chargeable with three-fourths of the crimes committed in the State. This charge stands against the liquor traffic uncontradicted.
It is stated that the dispensary in Cumberland county in a very short while has reduced crime fifty per cent. And if we do it more largely. Now if you want more money and less crime and pauperism, there is one way to obtain what you want.
If it be true as stated that a large per cent of crime is traceable to liquor, why advocate a reformatory and leave unmolested the traffic that causes the trouble, the loss and the ruin complained of? Echo asks, why? Certainly no one would advocate the building of Pasteur institutes or hospitals for the cure of rabies, and at the same time insist that the maddened dog should be largely run. If you want more money and less crime and pauperism, there is one way to obtain what you want.
China's Point of View. Prince Chun Talks of the Chinese Problem.
Princess Chang, the daughter of the Emperor, who is now in Pekin, and in whose honor the Germans will hold a review, says that though he does not represent the court officially, he knows his brother's sentiment is in favor of the missionaries by officials. The Emperor wrote to Prince Ching recently and asked if his apartments were in a site state for his early return. Prince Chun says the Chinese have a side question. The foreigners do not seem to realize that China objects to the maintenance of the leased territory guard as it is a purely temporary measure, because there is no necessity for it. The Boxer movement, he asserts, was a purely patriotic one, meaning China for the Chinese. For many years nations begged for trading privileges, having obtained which and waxed rich from the profits thereof, they forced undesirable treaties upon China, with threats of confiscation of the choicest parts of the country. The slightest riot has been made the occasion to acquire territory and obtain valuable concessions. Naturally, even a peaceable people will turn at last.
The people of China, Prince Chun further declares, have been gradually worked up over the recent loss of territory at Wei Hai Wei, Port Arthur and elsewhere, and also over the granting of rights and honors to foreign missionaries by officials. All Oriental nations are liable periodically, the same as individuals, to run amuck. The Chinese, according to Prince Chun, have behaved no worse than did the French during the celebrated revolution. The Chinese, he says, are the most peaceable people on the earth, and they have recently occurred is not likely to happen again for centuries. He believes that the Emperor is friendly to foreigners who desire to preserve the integrity of the empire. He says that it is a mistake to attribute unlimited power to the Emperor Dowager, though she naturally has had influence with the Emperor which the Chinese always concede to relations who are their seniors, and which is beautifully shown by their veneration for their ancestors.

Mr. R. F. Cobb returned from Elkin Monday.
Mr. Jones Barnes, one of our blacksmiths, is away this week prospecting at Winston.
Mr. C. B. Webb, of Statesville, was here the first of the week on his way to Wilkesboro.
Mr. and Mrs. Jas. S. McIntosh, of Charlotte, are here this week with Mr. McIntosh's mother, who is very sick. Mr. McIntosh is postal clerk on the railroad.
Mr. Hackett Robinett, of Little River township, is back again with Messrs. Feinstor Bros. They are opening up a stock of goods in Dr. Little's store house, formerly occupied by Mr. W. E. Elliott.
Mr. J. W. Miller, of Sharpes township, was here Tuesday and left Monday yesterday (Wednesday) for Arkansas with his family to make their home.
The board of school directors at their meeting Monday appointed the 1900 school funds for Alexander county, giving \$1.98 per scholar, which gives each township the following amounts:

THE SUBSIDY BILL

Millers township 267 pupils	\$28.70
Sharps	498.48
Sharpes	587
Sugar Loaf	315
Elleandale	451
Little River	375
Wittenburg	579
Taylorsville	776
Total	\$3,889

\$4,200.00

Cut in Price.
We WILL make a cut of 25% on all grades of J. J. Nissen wagers. Come early and get one. YONK & WHITE, Rocky Point, N. C. January 3rd, 1901.

Notice to Creditors.
HAYING qualified as administrator of the estate of C. Williams deceased, this is to notice all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the undersigned on or before the first day of January, 1901, after which no claim will be allowed in her recovery. All persons owing said estate will make immediate payment.
This the 20th of December, 1900.
SPECIAL NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Administratrix of L. C. Williams, deceased.
Arnold & Turner, Attys.

Sale of Valuable Real Estate in Troutman's
THE undersigned as commissioner of the Superior Court of Iredell county, by virtue of a judgment of said court in a special proceeding therein pending, will sell at the court house door in Statesville on
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 1901,
that valuable lot in Troutman's N. C. known as the C. Steel and L. M. Starns place, and also a house on the same, there is a frame two-story store house on the lot and the location is good for a business house. The property is sold for partition between the owners. Terms of sale—Cash. This Jan. 18th, 1901. C. H. ARMSTRONG, Commissioner.

Sale of Land.
BY VIRTUE of a decree of Iredell Superior Court made in the special proceeding entitled H. L. Pierce, South Pierce and others against Fred Jenkins and wife, Rossanna M. Jenkins, the undersigned as commissioner of said court will on
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 1901,
at the court house door in Statesville, N. C., sell at public auction to the highest bidder two valuable tracts of land belonging to the estate of H. W. Pierce, deceased. One tract adjoining R. W. Holland and others, in one tract adjoining said county, containing forty-one (41) acres, more or less. Also the other tract adjoining R. W. Holland, J. T. Perry and others, containing one hundred (100) acres more or less.
Terms of sale—One-half cash on day of sale, and the other half payable in six months from date of sale, with note and approved security with interest from date. Title retained by the court until all the purchase money is paid.
This January 18th, 1901. J. B. CONNELLY, Commissioner.

Cash Buyers
Look out and call one door below Marble Hall Saloon. You will find a full line Staple and Fancy Groceries.
I will pay the highest market price for produce in cash or exchange groceries
Will also keep
Fresh Vegetables
throughout the season. A share of your patronage will be highly appreciated.
Respectfully,
J. C. BRINCEFIELD.
January 17, 1901.

From Now Until I Move
To my new store in the Mills' building I offer my entire stock at
Greatly Reduced Prices.

RICKERT.
The Jeweler and Optician
SAVE OUR WEAR
by using
Pulverized Borax
Now is a good time to give your stock or poultry either
Sheridan's Condition Powder
or Wilbur's Seed Meal.
Sow Cabbage Seed
Fresh photos also Potatoes, etc. Our new seeds are in.
We shall be pleased to have you call on us for groceries or seed,
and Surveys to arrive soon.
COOPER & GILL.
January 10, 1901.

REMOVAL SALE.
For the next fifteen days I will offer the following lines at greatly reduced prices
Gentlemen's Shirts, Large Assortment of Rugs, Canvas and Rubber Leggings, Trunks and Valises. Also a large line of Crochery and Glassware, Lamps and Lamp Chimneys. If you need these you can be suited either in my shelves or on my up to date news stand.

R. P. Allison's
Book and Stationery Store.
Five and Ten Cent Goods
We are showing a large and varied line of
DRESS GOODS.
Men's, ladies' and children's Underwear, Hosiery, Woolen and Cotton Blankets, Comforts, Trunks, Rugs and a big variety of seasonal goods which we have not space to mention.

JACKETS AND COATS.
Fifteen to twenty per cent saved on your Jackets or Coats if bought of us.
We are showing a large and varied line of
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Ramsey, Tomlin & Bowles
John J. Clark's two hundred yard cord, soft finish machine Thread bought by the barrel and sold two spools for 5 cents.
We Thank our Friends
Heartily for their very liberal patronage during the year 1900, and trust to merit a continuance of the same during the year 1901.
Wishing our customers one and all a Happy and Prosperous Year, we are
Very Truly,
Ramsey, Tomlin & Bowles

Barron & Nicholson
EAST BROAD STREET STATESVILLE, N. C.
We Give Trading Stamps For Cash Purchases.
To all our Friends and Customers we send greeting, with our best wishes for their health and prosperity. New Year's Days are the mile posts in life's journey and as we pass them year by year, we see the circle of our friends and patrons greatly enlarged. This is as it should be and the fact affords us pleasure. We would, at this time suggest
Two Resolutions.
On the part of our friends we suggest, that every one resolve to continue favoring us with their patronage, as evidence of their appreciation of our efforts to please.
For Our Own Part,
We will resolve to redouble our energy and strive to deserve that patronage more than ever during the coming year. Both good resolutions, aren't they? Don't forget to change your dates—Begin now to write it—"1901."
Faithfully Yours,
SLOOP & MILLER.
THE SHOEMEN

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Every Yard
of LINEN MUSLIN is stamped with the name "Every Yard" which means that every yard of muslin is guaranteed to be perfect when it leaves the mill. If you find any yard of muslin that is not perfect, we will refund the price of the yard. If you find any yard of muslin that is not perfect, we will refund the price of the yard. If you find any yard of muslin that is not perfect, we will refund the price of the yard.
F. A. Sherrill & Co.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
We call your attention to our
Line of Gloves and Handkerchiefs
The very best values and daintiest patterns you can find in our city. See our line of Rugs and a thousand other things.
Dress Goods, Jackets and Capes
Going at Great Bargains,
Yours to Please,
F. A. Sherrill & Co.
P. S. Buy a Pair of New Ladies' Shoes.

Horses and Mules
To Arrive Here
MONDAY, JANUARY 7TH.
This is a fine assortment of Horses and Mules. If you contemplate buying this season now is the time, because by waiting they will cost you more.
TERMS: Cash, Good Note or Mortgage
These horses are well broken, and are from Tennessee and Virginia. Come and see them.
Will Have
A Car Load Buggies, Hacks
and Surveys to arrive soon.

HENKEL BROS.
Statesville, N. C.

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