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THE LEGISLATURE.

The Reading of the Governor's Message Began this Morning at 11:15 O'clock.

Special to The Tribune.

Raleigh, N. C., January 5.—The Governor's message was read in the House this morning, the reading beginning at 11:15 o'clock.

During the reading of the message in both houses, there were occasional punctuations of applause, one of these being especially noticeable in approval of the idea of a mountain educational training school. The passage referring to the recommendation that water powers and electric light and power companies be placed under the control of the State Corporation Commission was received with silent attention, as was also the reference to needed insurance legislation and intimation of anti-trust laws application to insurance matters. His recommendation for the suppression of the mileage book exchange for ticket nuisance which are so explicitly made, met with evident approval. The two cent per mile feature of that recommendation seems to be regarded as possibly an effective entering wedge to bring the railroads to terms in this matter. The amendment to constitution recommendation among which is the one extracting most of the work from the Legislature, in matters of petty legislation, was dubiously received by some legislators. The people are as jealous of their rights as ever, and some of the Secretary of State's classifications are not regarded as petty. The recommendation that the Governor of North Carolina be invested with veto power will cause discussion and opposition, although North Carolina is one of only a few States that withhold this power from its executive. Asked as to their opinions, most of the legislators regard the message as an able document, though (as is to be expected coming from Governor Kitchin) one that answers opposition in some respects. The Cotton-Torrens land registration system got a nice boost from the Governor.

LEWEXAM.

Special interest attached to the speech of acceptance by Speaker Dowd, made yesterday, especially his reference to increased support to State educational institutions, he having been president of the Baptist State Convention that protested against increased support as detrimental to denominational colleges. He stirred applause in expressing the hope that the State's higher institutions of learning would receive the most generous treatment at the hands of the legislature, not only in maintaining standards, but in extending their equipment and scope so they will compare most creditably with those of other States in all respects so far as the needs of the State will justify. He urged that public service corporations be made to realize that they are the servants of the people and must observe the law. Still he wants every worthy interest in the State protected and encouraged. He expressed the hope to soon see electric belt lines connecting the principal towns of the State. He appealed that nothing be done to disturb the business interests of the State.

"Horned Man-Monkeys."

What are described as skeletons of a strange tribe of horned man-monkey pigmies are being exhumed from an ancient burying-ground discovered near Jackrabbit Lodge, in the delta of Topanga Canyon, near Santa Monica, Cal. Forty-four skulls and almost as many complete sets of torso and limb bones have been recovered, together with strange antiquities apparently used by the tribe as weapons, and many stone mortars. The tribe is thought to have been the last of the kind and it is asserted by a legend of the oldest Spanish families that Aztec Indians exterminated them upon their invasion into Southern California.

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POPULATION OF NORTH CAROLINA CITIES.

Concord Stands Tenth Among the Cities of the State in Population.

In the census figures given out Wednesday by Census Director Durand eight municipalities increased in population from below 5,000 to totals above that number. The thirteenth census statistics show 20 such cities and towns in North Carolina in 1910 compared with 12 in 1900. Not a single loss in population was recorded in these places during the 10 years.

In point of increase in population Rocky Mount holds first place with a 274 per cent. increase. Durham follows closely behind with 273 per cent. and High Point shows a 228 per cent. gain. The larger cities rank as follows in percentage of increase:

Charlotte, 88 per cent;	Greensboro, 58.3 per cent;	Raleigh, 40.8 per cent;	Asheville, 27.6 per cent.,	and	Wilmington, 22.7 per cent.
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Following is the announcement of the director of the census of all cities and towns of North Carolina having a population in excess of 5,000:

Cities:	1910.	1900.
Asheville	18,762	14,694
Charlotte	34,014	18,991
Concord	8,715	7,910
Durham	18,241	6,679
Elizabeth City	8,412	6,348
Fayetteville	18,241	6,679
Gastonia	5,759	4,610
Goldsboro	6,107	5,877
Greensboro	15,895	10,038
High Point	9,525	4,163
Kinston	6,995	4,106
Newbern	9,961	9,090
Raleigh	19,218	13,343
Rocky Mount	8,051	2,937
Salem	5,533	3,642
Salisbury	7,153	6,277
Washington	6,211	4,842
Wilmington	25,748	20,976
Wilson	6,717	3,525
Winston	17,167	10,008

The figures given above show that Winston-Salem stands third among the cities of North Carolina in population. Charlotte is first with over 34,000 and Wilmington second with over 25,000; Raleigh is fourth; Asheville fifth and Durham sixth; Concord is tenth.

Improved Service to Knoxville, Cincinnati, Louisville and Points West.

Effective with the inauguration of the Southern's new train the Carolina Special which is a solid through train from Charleston, S. C., to Cincinnati, Ohio, put in operation on January 2, 1911, passengers for Knoxville, Cincinnati, Louisville, and points west, can leave Salisbury on train No. 21, at 2:30 p. m., which is a solid through train from Goldsboro to Asheville, with parlor car, arriving at Asheville at 7:40 p. m. and Cincinnati at 10:00 a. m. The Carolina Special makes close connection at Lexington, Ky., for Louisville and points west. This gives three daily connections from this section to Knoxville, Cincinnati and points west, and very greatly improves the service.

Great Earthquake Recorded.

New York World, 4th. Seismographs in the scientific laboratories of many colleges throughout the world, as indicated by despatches, recorded last night that unusually violent earthquakes were occurring. The tremors were stated to be most severe. The vibrations began at 6:41 p. m. and continued until 8:03. The maximum tremors were recorded between 7:15 and 7:45 being equally intense in the north, south and east-west directions.

It was estimated that the shocks were 3,500 miles from Washington, D. C. Prof. Cady, of the Lawrence (Kan.) University, said it was his opinion that the disturbance was in the vicinity of Chili, although it was calculated at the St. Louis university that the shocks were in the region of Iceland.

Death of Mr. Jacob S. Lipe.

Mr. Jacob S. Lipe, one of the most prominent men of the Landis community, died yesterday at 5:30 o'clock, p. m. The funeral service will be held at Mt. Moriah E. L. church tomorrow at 11 a. m. Mr. Lipe's wife died just three weeks ago yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Lipe bought a house and moved to Landis about 8 years ago. He sold his farm to his nephew. After his wife died, and as he had no children, he moved back to his old home to live with his nephew, where he died. Mr. Lipe leaves a good estate. He has been a director in the Linn Mills at Landis since its organization. He was an exemplary Christian man and a wise counselor and will be greatly missed by his church and the community.

Postmaster W. Henry Hobson, of Salisbury, Tuesday had the distinction of opening the first postal saving bank in North Carolina—one of the forty-eight established in the United States.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.

Mrs. John Hopkins is visiting in Spencer.

Miss Mabel Means is spending the day in Charlotte.

Miss Josephine Smith is visiting friends in Florida.

Mrs. P. M. Keller is visiting friends in Kings Mountain.

Mrs. O. C. Russell is visiting friends in Salisbury.

Mrs. Ted Maffit, of Charlotte, is the guest of her brother, Mr. T. T. Smith.

Mrs. S. A. Wolff left this morning for Gastonia to visit for several days.

Miss Isabelle Ter, of Maryland, is the guest of Miss Elizabeth Gibson.

Miss Eloise Farrow, who has been visiting in Charlotte, is expected home today.

Mrs. C. R. Sears has gone to Salisbury to visit her daughter, Mrs. M. J. Porter.

Messrs. L. E. Boger, Fred Correll and J. A. Pol are spending the day in Charlotte.

Mrs. Joe Wallace and daughter, Miss Lila, of Tyler, Texas, are visiting Mrs. W. W. Morris.

Miss Mabel Means is spending the day in Charlotte. Miss Anna Sherrill is teaching for her today.

Mr. Sidney Buchanan left this morning for the University of Maryland to resume his studies in medicine.

Misses Laura Noell and Kathleen Smith will leave tomorrow morning for Hamilton School in Washington, D. C.

Mr. D. B. Coltrane has gone to Greensboro to spend the day with his daughters, Misses Ruth and Elizabeth Coltrane, of Greensboro Female College.

Mrs. Galloway and Miss Laura Noell, who have been visiting Mrs. P. B. Means and Miss Kathleen Smith, will leave in the morning for Hamilton School, Washington, D. C.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Barnhardt, who have been visiting Mr. Barnhardt's father, Mr. J. R. Barnhardt, of No. 8 township, returned this morning to their home in High Point.

Night School at Forest Hill.

Rev. W. L. Hutchins, pastor of Forest Hill Methodist church, has opened a night school in the old church building on McGill street. The school will be conducted on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights. Up to the present time about 15 young men have enrolled. It is expected that a school for girls will also be opened in a short time. This school is for the purpose of offering an advantage to the boys of the city who have been denied the opportunity of an education. The effort is a most commendable one and Mr. Hutchins should receive the encouragement and support of all who are interested in the welfare of our citizenship.

Mrs. Taft's Dream Came True.

On June 10 next the president and Mrs. Taft will celebrate their silver wedding anniversary. The last event of the kind in the white house was in the administration of Rutherford B. Hayes. Mrs. Taft was there as a young girl and it is on record she told President Hayes, who was her father's law partner and her god-father, that she would never be married to a man who would not become president. Hayes advised her to become an Ohio man's wife if she wished to realize that dream.

Death of Mrs. Nash.

Mrs. M. M. Nash died suddenly following a stroke of apoplexy at her home on Kerr street yesterday afternoon. She was 45 years of age and is survived by 8 children. The funeral service was held this afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Methodist Protestant church, conducted by Rev. A. O. Lindley, and the interment was made at Poplar Tent.

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THE DOG QUESTION.

Citizen of No. 11 Township Says Something Worth Thinking About.

Mr. Editor:—Will you please be so kind as to give me space in your valuable paper for me to give my views on this most vexed and discussed question—the dog question. The population of North Carolina is 2,206,187. I find in taking the school census in district 3, township No. 11, that we have 187 population, 74 children of school age. I also found 36 families owning 45 dogs, that being 1 1/4 dogs to the family, nearly one dog to every four people. If the ratio for Cabarrus county was like this school district, there would be about 6,500 dogs in this county. If the State maintained the same ratio there would be in her borders about 550,000 dogs.

What will it cost to keep a dog twelve months? I think 2 1/2 cents per day would be very reasonable. That would be 9.12 1/2 per year. That being the case North Carolina spends for dog feed alone more than \$4,950,000. What do the dear people spend every year going to the Pasteur Institute? I asked Mr. Kestler, then chairman of the board of county commissioners, if he could give me about the number of cases of rabies in the State. He said he thought it would average about two to the county. If that's approximately correct we spend considerable in this one item. I asked with one patient and he said it cost him about \$150. Multiply the counties of the State by \$300 and we find another item of about \$28,000. What would the losses from all other sources be? We throw away every year on account of the dog as much as we spend for education of the children. Forty years ago nine farmers out of ten that I knew had sheep. How is it today? I don't believe one out of every ten keep sheep. I don't know whether all quit sheep on account of the dog or not but I know some of them did. What else is to be accomplished? Drive out the hog. It is time to call a halt when pork steak is worth 20 cents on the block, with chances to go higher. I see there were only 5,977 hogs returned for taxes this year. That's less than one pig for four people to count off breeding stock. They were returned for a little more than \$4 per head. I notice there were 117 dogs returned for a little over \$7 per head, nearly twice as much as the hogs were returned at. What has been the loss from hog cholera? There is no known agency that equals the dog for the distribution of cholera, for he will eat the carcass of a dead hog and go ten miles, so to speak, to lick the trough of a well hog and give it the disease. The owner is at a loss to know how his hogs caught the disease. He doesn't seem to know his pet dog did the mischief. Who can tell what the amount of loss through the destruction of eggs and young game?

I noticed in the Times of a recent date that the Farmers' Union asks that a tax be placed upon his head and that he be confined as other farm animals. I am not in favor of a tax on the dogs. I want everybody to keep as many dogs as they want and when I say "keep" I mean keep them on his own premises; not his claim and other people keep them. If he or she, as the case may be, don't keep them on their own premises, they belong to the public, subject to be killed by anyone that sees fit to do so, without fear of prosecution or a fine. This is my view on how to decrease the number of worthless dogs in North Carolina. At the ratio of our school district there are more dogs in this county than there are hogs. Sad indeed when hogs are shipped in at the rate of about 100 head per week, which means for the season of about five months in the year, about 2,000 head.

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SMALL FARMS.

What Is Needed in this Country is More Farmers and Smaller Farms.

Over in Anson county, North Carolina, at Wadesboro, a company, called the Dixie Development Company has been organized with the purpose of purchasing large tracts of land and dividing them into small farms and selling these small plots to men of moderate means. The company proposes to sell on easy annual payments and at a fixed rate with a provision for insurance in order that the purchaser may be protected from loss of the amount paid in case of death. This is the beginning of the execution of a long-cherished theory that the South would prosper most when the old plantation could be subdivided by proprietary farmers instead of depending upon colored and other tenants. The best stimulus to the white farmer, native or immigrant, is the open door of ownership of a 20 to 40 acre farm. The best incentive to the colored man is the open door of ownership of a farm of comparatively small area—a number of acres that he can take care of himself.

Big plantations have meant, ever since the civil war, a dependent tenancy and a helpless poverty for the owner. The tenant system on the old plantations practically precludes that diversity in farming that makes for the best success. Cotton! Cotton! Cotton! and Poverty! Poverty! Poverty! Spiritless poverty! have been the rule. Small farms, owned by their occupants, mean increased population and greatly increased thrift among the owners.

When this movement has made a fair start in its development there will come the opportunity to inaugurate the German system of land loan banks on the mutual plan to furnish credits for those who have not all the money to pay cash down for a small farm and a home.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company will be held in the office of the bank on Monday, January 9th, 1911, at 10 o'clock a. m.

CHAS. B. WAGONER, Cashier.

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