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## NEW MODE TAXATION.

### Will be Tried Upon Earnings of Railroads.

The Senate is Conservative. Russell and Wilson Case. Suffrage Cause. Second N. C. Regiment Colors. Candidates For A. & N. C. Presidency.

**JOURNAL BUREAU.**  
RALEIGH, N. C., January 28. It is not made public yet, but the Finance committee is about to recommend a new departure in taxation, nothing less than a tax of from one to five per cent on the gross earnings of railroads. When this proposal tax becomes known it will raise a racket. It is designed to make good the loss from the repeal of the merchants tax of about \$80,000, but will do much more by furnishing in the neighborhood of \$350,000. The railroads will be given a chance to be heard in the matter next Wednesday. It will amount to a double tax on the railroads as they are already taxed on their valuation.

As the leanings and inclinations of the Legislature become known, it is seen and felt that the Senate is more conservative in a general way than the House. An exception might be quoted in the Hairston bill on foreign corporations introduced in the Senate but which was turned down, and the milder Craige bill in the House which was passed. But the Hairston bill was introduced by a man who didn't know what he was doing and does not count.

A remark made by Chairman Osborne of the Wilson investigating committee at the hearing Thursday night would seem to cover a good deal of ground in the case. He said that the position of the committee was that the Governor had the right to suspend the commissioners and need only give his reasons and not furnish evidence. Russell in his usual style has plunged into a fight instead of resting on his rights. As a result the Legislature will pull him off his high horse and Major Wilson will exult in his overthrow. Talk of impeaching the Governor on the basis of the Wilson case is considered mere rubbish, unless new light is thrown on the scene.

The joint caucus held last night in the hall of the House discussed the Winston bill, prepared to cover the suffrage question. The meeting lasted over three hours and it was after eleven o'clock when the members left the Capital. No definite conclusion was arrived at and no amendments to the proposed bill were adopted and the matter will be considered again next Wednesday. The caucus was a secret one and from the talk of the members afterward, it appeared that the debate was an animated one, and it was continued by small groups late at night in the hotel corridors.

Considerable opposition has developed to the existence of the Inebriate Ward which is maintained at the Morganton Insane Asylum and any proposed extension of the plan. The proposed use of a part of the penitentiary for all of the criminal insane has brought out the expression that these should have separate buildings in no way connected with the penitentiary before provision is made for the care of inebriates. The cost of separate buildings at each of the three asylums is estimated at \$100,000 and several Senators stated that in their opinion the State was not prepared to go to such an expense.

The Governor has under consideration the request of the Associated Survivors of the 2nd N. C. Regiment of New Bern for the possession of the battle flag returned by Gen. H. Buck of Massachusetts and now in the hands of the Adjutant General. The request came through Capt. Matt Manly who bases the request upon the fact that most of the members of the section were from the New Bern section and the flag bearer killed at the battle of Chancellorsville was a member of the New Bern company. It is stated that the Governor will grant the request.

The proceeds of the Confederate Bazaar were much larger than anticipated. About \$1500 will be realized from the affair and the ladies are highly pleased with the result. There was a great deal of hard work done in the getting up of the Bazaar and much credit is due to the promoters. They have not failed to receive praise for it however, for the papers here have distributed it with a lavish hand and have rivalled each other in applause.

Nothing new has developed in the A. & N. C. Railroad matters, not on the surface, but there is a heap of work being done on the quiet. The selection of the next President has brought out the names of four candidates for the position and "there are others" who do not want their names sprung just yet. Craven claims the right to name the President. Today is real winter with a heavy fall of snow. It began last night and threatens to become very deep before it stops. The temperature is only at the freezing point but the wind is from the north and it will probably be a cold Sunday.

## EGAN FOUND GUILTY.

Verdict of the Court Martial. Severe Sentence Passed.

**SPECIAL TO JOURNAL.**  
WASHINGTON, January 28.—In the case of Commissary General Charles P. Egan charged with conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman, and with conduct tending to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, a verdict was reached by the court martial, which found General Egan, guilty.

The verdict was that Gen. Egan was guilty of the crime charged, which was against discipline, good order and decency, and without a show of an excuse. The sentence was that Egan be dismissed from the army, with no recommendation of mercy.

The General was greatly broken at the sentence found, as he had hoped for a different result.

**Quiet Day Among Legislators.**  
**SPECIAL TO JOURNAL.**  
RALEIGH, January 28.—There was only routine business in both Houses, with general dullness, today.

The bill regulating timber measurement was reported unfavorably by the committee. This caused a debate in the House, and it was finally referred to a new committee.

The bill of Williams of Dare to provide a supervision of the oyster industry, and the bill to provide the Vance Textile Department to be added to the Agricultural College, Raleigh, passed favorably.

**A Day's Legislative Work.**  
**SPECIAL TO JOURNAL.**  
RALEIGH, January 30.—Bills passed, good government for Craven county, which is to increase county commission to seven; two bills pertaining to Atlantic and North Carolina railroad.

The Senate bill to reduce the defendant's challenges in capital cases, was failed.

A bill was introduced to refund the debt of the city of Wilmington by issuance of four per cent bonds.

Bill introduced to make kissing the Bible, when being sworn, unnecessary.

Bill to give a medal to each North Carolina soldier who is serving in Cuba.

**No Election Yet.**  
**SPECIAL TO JOURNAL.**  
HARRISBURG, Pa., January 28.—There was no change in the Senatorial contest here today.

**Wants a Vote on Resolution.**  
**SPECIAL TO JOURNAL.**  
WASHINGTON, January 28.—Senator Mason has requested that the Senate vote on his resolution, next Friday, which declares that it is the policy of this country not to govern the people of other nations.

Coughing injures and inflames sore lungs. One Minute Cough Cure loosens the cold, always coughing and heals quickly. The best cough cure for children. F. S. Duffy.

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For Infants and Children.  
The Kind You Have Always Bought

## GETS WORSE

### As Investigation of Penitentiary Matter Goes On.

Will Abandon State Farms. To Secure White Supremacy. Jim Crow Car will Become a Fact. Disorderly Negro Soldiers.

**JOURNAL BUREAU.**  
RALEIGH, N. C., January 30. The affairs of the penitentiary are still the leading sensation, considerably over one hundred thousand dollars in debt and the books in such a fix as to make a close estimate impossible. But the report of the sub-committee that visited the State farms is much worse. No record has been kept of many of the sales and of several hundred cords of wood shipped there is no account kept at all. Only a portion of the farms were under cultivation last year and thousands of dollars are due merchants for supplies furnished. The sub-committee have handed in the report to the joint committee and this committee will report to the Legislature with recommendations. One will be the abandoning of all the State farms with one exception and will name the farm to be kept, and will recommend the concentration of the convict labor to make it more effective.

The discussion before the committee will be active each day this week. Among the proposed bills for discussion will be on Thursday the one to reduce auction fees on leaf tobacco from 15 to 10 cents.

The amendment to the constitution to secure white supremacy seems to have reached the stage when little or no change will be made in it. The last joint caucus after much talk recommended no changes in its form. The restricting clauses in the 4th and 5th sections as follows:

Section 4. Any person presenting himself for registration or voting shall be able to read and write any part of the Constitution in the English language, and shall have paid by the first day of February the poll tax for the previous year, as prescribed by law, and shall exhibit the receipt therefor. Poll taxes shall be a lien upon all assessed property, and no process shall issue to enforce the collection of the same except against assessed property.

Section 5. No male person who was on January 1, 1867, or at any prior thereto, entitled to vote under the laws of any State in the United States wherein he then resided, and no son or grandson of any such person not less than 21 years old at the date of the adoption of this amendment of the Constitution shall be denied the right to register and vote at any election in this State by reason of the educational qualification prescribed in this article, provided he shall have registered prior to December 1, 1902, in accordance with the terms of this article and no person shall be allowed to register under this section after that date.

There is no doubt about the passage of the "Jim Crow Car" law for separate cars. There will not be over 25 votes cast against the measure. The objection by the railroads is of course that extra and at times almost empty cars will have to be hauled. The proposition to divide the cars into two compartments has not met with much favor, nor has the plan to have none but first class fares. Some of the western members say that in their section they do not need the law and hope that certain small roads will be made exempt. This can well be left to the Railroad Commissioners.

A battalion of the 6th Virginia Regiment, colored, passed through here yesterday. It is said that this Regiment has earned a worse reputation at Mason than the North Carolina 3rd. They were at the depot here but a few minutes Sunday morning but there was noise enough during their stay.

The snow fall of 7 inches has about gone and the sleighs that were out Saturday night are stored away again.

These are dangerous times for the health. Croup, colds and throat troubles lead rapidly to Consumption. A bottle of One Minute Cough Cure used at the right time will preserve life, health and a large amount of money. Pleasant to taste; children like it. F. S. Duffy.

**Aguiñaldo's Barbarism.**  
MANILA, Jan. 29.—The Spanish civil prisoners have not yet been released. Tales of suffering, hunger and dishonor come from the provinces. Young Spanish girls, it is said, are forced to live with Indians. The parents of one of them, being powerless, appealed to Aguiñaldo. His reply was a letter from an unfortunate child—perhaps exalted after suffering—saying she is happy and contented. Ladies have suffered untold humiliation to save their husbands from cruel treatment.

Five priests have died in one province from hunger and cruelty, although \$50,000 had been sent by the corporation for their maintenance.

J. J. Baxter is closing out his winter clothing, shoes, hats, underwear, dress goods at cost in order to make room for his new spring stock.

**ROYAL BAKING POWDER**  
ABSOLUTELY PURE  
Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

## THE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

On the Investigations of Government Department of Nonmilitarized. Generally Favorable.

New York, January 29.—A Washington dispatch to the Herald says: President McKinley will have in his possession on Thursday next the complete report of the war investigating commission. The report will comprise about 40,000 words. Attached to it will be an appendix of 500 printed pages, setting forth all of the testimony taken by the commission during its investigation.

It has been determined by the commission not to mention any names or to make any recommendations, but simply to record, under the head of each department and each camp, the inefficiencies and scandals which have been developed by the investigation, but the identification will be so complete that the President will be able to fix the responsibility. These are the main facts as summarized.

The Secretary of War ordered the major-general commanding to make an inspection tour of the camps. The major-general commanding returned the order to him and informed him that he was in the habit of making out his own orders. The major-general commanding was permitted to go to Santiago de Cuba, and at the same time the Secretary of War informed General Shafter that General Miles was not to supersede him in command.

A large number of civilians were appointed to staff positions who were without experience, but they rapidly learned their duties.

The charges preferred against the Secretary of War that he and members of his family were interested in sites selected for camps and in contracts are without foundation. The major-general commanding recommended the location of camps at Chickamauga and Tampa, and an officer on the staff of General Miles selected the site for Camp Alger. The Secretary strongly opposed the location of a camp at Miami.

The Secretary of War did not learn of the condition of the troops at Santiago until the "round robin" was circulated, when steps were taken to bring the troops north.

The work of the adjutant-general's and paymaster-general's departments is declared satisfactory.

A sufficient number of inspections were not made by the Inspector-General's department. Had such been the case, the camp conditions would not have been as serious as they proved to be. The commission will show that this department should be radically reorganized.

No irregularities have been found in the quartermaster-general's department, notwithstanding the many charges preferred against it. So far as the clothing was concerned, it will be found that in some cases the prices paid were cheaper than those paid for the same articles before the war.

The commission has found no evidence of scandal in the matter of purchase of transports.

The administration of the Commissary General department will be commended, attention will be called to disbursements amounting to about \$35,000,000. The statement will be made that the government obtained full value.

## TO OUR COUNTRY FRIENDS!

We desire to say that we have laid in for the FALL AND WINTER TRADE one of the Largest and Best Assorted Stocks of

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TO BE FOUND IN NEW BERNE, And we respectfully ask for a larger Share of your patronage. We buy in large quantities from first hands and pay no middle men's profits and are therefore prepared to sell you as low as any one.

We have just completed a lot of nice STABLES and a large shed to shelter your vehicles, which you are welcome to use FREE.

When you come to the city Don't Fail to examine our Stock before buying your Groceries.

Respectfully,  
**McDaniel & Gaskill, GROCERS,**

71 Broad Street, NEW BERNE, N. C.

## OUR JANUARY SALE!

Satisfactory results from our efforts in 1898 to give our trade advantages not secured elsewhere and the superiority of our special sales over those of our competitors, coupled with the month of January which is our month for unloading stock left over from our Fall Business, has induced us to place on sale many things useful to housekeepers and families, at such prices as we are sure will command your attention.

The ready cash is the only requisite, but this we we will require.

Our former line of four (4) cent Calicoes, including a large range of fancy plaids, small and medium figures and checks suitable for children's dresses, aprons, bonnets, etc. 3c.

Our line of standard prints including beautiful large plaids, rich in design taken from imported stuffs, figured and checked are to go into this sale at the ordinary price of common prints, 4c.

**Flannelettes.**  
What remains of our 5c grade of Quaker City Flannels will be sold as long as they last at Better Grade in Beautiful Styles, 7c quality for 5c.

**Underwear.**  
Ladies all wool Pants and Vests, 41c grade  
Ladies 1/2 wool Pants and Vests, 75c grade  
Ladies 1/2 wool Gray Vests, 50c grade  
Children's Vests, size 22, 10c  
" " " " 24, " 15c  
" " " " 26 and 28, 25c  
Men's Scarlet Undershirts and Drawers, 50c grade, 30c  
Men's Gray Undershirts, 10c  
Also a full line of other grades but no space to mention prices, all marked down.

**Table Linens.**  
Colored table linens 25c grade 10c  
" " " " short length 15c  
" " " " better grade 25c  
Bleached, table damask 25c  
Half bleached table damask 60 inches wide, 60c grade 38c  
A few short length pieces, various qualities will be closed out at a sacrifice; each piece marked in plain figures so you can wait on yourself.

**Napkins.**  
Turkey red doilies 5c grade 8c  
" " " " 10c grade 10c  
Plain doilies, 25c doz  
All linen, white doilies with colored borders 36c doz  
All linen, white doilies colored 47c doz  
A few dozen left of "our special" all linen doilies 75c grade to close 60c  
Our white doilies, pure linen very cheap at 75c dozen will be sold as long as they last 60c doz

**Capes.**  
Ladies black cape, fur trimmed, 75c value, 50c  
Ladies black cape, braid trimmed 90c value, 65c  
Ladies black cape, all wool trimmed with braid and fur 1.25 value, 85c  
Ladies black beaver cape, 1.75 value 1.25 value, " " better grade 80c value, 50c  
Very fine beaver capes, plain and simple in style, excellent material, value 4.75, now 3.00  
Also a full range in plush capes and a few shoulder fur capes, all marked down and must be sold.

**Miscellaneous.**  
5-4 Table oil cloth per yard 10c  
Clarks crochet cotton in all shades 7c  
Bress pins  
Ladies Gossamers, value \$1.25 65c  
Gentle white H S hankkerchiefs 5c  
Ladies " " " " pure linen 5c  
A few pair ladies shoes 5 4  
Misses and childrens Dong. shoes 9 to 13, 18 to 3 90c  
Infants turned shoes 3-5 90c  
2x24 Black Towels, 15c  
Orders from the country accompanied by the cash will be filled with our usual promptness and at the prices goods are advertised as well as each item lists.

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**WANTED!**  
A position as school teacher. Have two years experience. Apply to JOHN H. TROTT, Maysville, N. C.

**Commissioner's Sale!**  
Pursuant to that certain judgment of the Superior Court of Craven county, rendered at the Fall term, 1898 in the certain case therein pending entitled The Citizens Bank of New Bern, against Augustus Lawson and others, the undersigned will as Commissioner as in said judgment directed, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for Cash at the court house door of Craven county, on Wednesday the 8th day of February 1899, at the hour of 12 o'clock, m. or immediately upon the adjournment of the Superior court for its next recess, all and singular the following described piece or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Craven, State of North Carolina, known and designated as follows: Beginning at Maple on Jumping run and runs with Edward Jones' line north 94 poles, west 125 poles, then east 130 poles to a small oak, south 34 poles, east 200 poles to Jumping run and up the various courses of the run to the beginning. Containing one hundred and two acres more or less.