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## THE STATE CAPITAL.

### Reports of State Departments For Past Year.

**Great Growth in Masonic and Odd Fellows Organizations; Soldiers at Governor's Inauguration.**  
Association of Academics Election.

**Special to Journal.**  
Raleigh, December 29.—Grand Secretary B. H. Woodell of the Grand Lodge of O. E. F. fellows says there are now 120 lodges, a gain of 5 per cent, with 7,000 members—a gain of 61 per cent in 13 months. For 14 months a considerable increase. The Masons during the year gained 15 lodges and 800 members. The gain of both organizations, as will be seen, is in addition to old lodges. The O. E. F. fellows are growing, however, far more rapidly than the Masons.

Secretary Dunner of the Agricultural department tells me he regards the shipments of the winter lettuce from the eastern counties as of marked importance. Shipments began December 15 and will continue until the crop is exhausted. He says the crop is more profitable than spring lettuce. Mr. Dunner says that the development of cattle raising in the mountain region is gratifying. There are many more cattle of the better breeds, such as Durham, Short horn and Polled Angus. He says the most notable activity in the State just now outside of manufacturing and trucking is of apple culture, brought about by what he terms the reclamation of the apple region in Yadon county. A great many orchards are being set there as well as in Watauga, Wilkes, Madison, Haywood and other counties. That region is the habitat of the apple. The seedling developed there offers the world its finest apples. Under the new and proper plan only one variety of fruit is in orchard. This is called a commercial orchard. Good packing and good roads for the transportation of the apples are the prime necessities. In concluding his remarks on development Mr. Dunner said another notable feature of the year's work is the sending of a very large fall acreage in wheat for Central North Carolina to the mountains, and he speaks of this as a pilot-mount feature.

State Librarian M. O. Sherrill is preparing his report. It shows 30,000 volumes in the library proper. Regarding the library he says the first reference he can find to it is in the laws of 1821, when it was established. It does not appear that it was of any size as far along as 1841. Gov. Morehead, Chief Justice Ruffin, and Associate Justices Daniel and Gaston were appointed trustees. The following have been the librarians: J. F. Taylor, Oliver H. Porter, Theophilus H. Hill, Henry D. Cole, Thomas H. Purnell, (now U. S. Judge) Sherwood Hayward, Randolph A. Stotwell, J. A. Birdsong, J. C. Ellington, R. M. Cary, M. O. Sherrill. The library building is defective and is quite the reverse of fire-proof.

The report of the corporation commission is in course of preparation. In 1891 the railway commission was created. The average number of complaints docketed was about 225 a year. In 1899 the railway commission was abolished and the corporation commission was established. All the duties of the railway commission were devolved upon it and many other besides, as for example supervision of banks and building and loan associations. The railway commission increased the railway assessment from 12 to 32 million dollars. Then last year the corporation commission increased it from 32 to 42 millions. It was on this last increase that the great big began, which has already been in progress 18 months. No one knows when it will end, and what it will cost. The commission has three months in which to take testimony before the standing master. Then the railways will have a month in which to take testimony in rebuttal. After all this the standing master will make his report to Judge Blanton. The railway commission reduced the passenger rates, first class from 34 to 24 cents and second class from 24 to 14 cents. Freight rates have been reduced about 25 per cent. Telegraph rates were reduced to 25 cents for a 10 word day message from any point in the State to any other point within it. The telegraph companies started to make a big fight and put the case in the federal court, but withdrew it and accepted the situation. Then came the "fusion" railway commission, put in by Governor Russell, by the force of arms, so to speak. That commission under took to reduce the Western Union telegraph rates to 15 cents. When the corporation commission came in it withdrew the case and restored the 25 cent rate. The "fusion" commission issued an order reducing the passenger rates, first class to 24 cents. The corporation commission came in and withdrew this case from the federal court into which the fusionists had put it.

There are about 50 applicants for admission to the Methodist O'passage.

**CASTORIA**  
For Infants and Children.  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Beware the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Ayer*

here. The first boy received is Ernest Mangum, of Durham, whose parents were Baptists. The first girl received is Cassie Bright, of Beaufort county.

News received of the death of Dr. Joshua N. Vick of Selma. He had held several public positions and was always a zealous democrat.

The State Auditor's report shows that the county taxes aggregate \$4,000,000. The school tax is \$1,000,000, the general tax is \$720,397, making a grand total of \$5,720,397, an increase over the year of almost \$500,000.

The North Carolina Association of Academics, in session here, adopted resolutions warmly commending the State Superintendent of public instruction, Charles H. McNeill, expressing high appreciation of the excellent services to the cause of education in the State.

It is expected that the 2000 soldiers will be here in the month of Jan. Gov. Aycock is expected to give the military feature will be prominent. It is proposed to have the 2000 soldiers of the east participate in the parade, if favorable, in the Avenue of Music. There will be a reception at the executive mansion and a ball at the Capital Club.

The report of the 21st annual general shows that the strength of the Grand Lodge is a decrease of 60. During the year two infantry companies and two divisions of naval militia and a section of artillery. It is proposed to have more artillery sections, one in the east and one in the west.

The Association of Academics has elected the following officers: S. L. Sheriff, of Elizabeth City president; John Graham, of Warrenton, vice president; R. L. Madison, secretary.

**Reported Capture of Jewel.**  
LONDON, Dec. 28.—A report has been in circulation in London that the jewel which General Dewart has been capturing. The British Colonel is said to have captured the jewel from a source in which it is supposed to have been hidden.

**Stonewall Jackson's Chaplain Dead.**  
CLARKDALE, Miss., Dec. 28.—Rev. F. B. Martin, pastor of St. Luke's church of Jackson, Tenn., died here today. He was chaplain with "Stonewall" Jackson in the Army of Virginia during the civil war.

**Record Around Cape Horn.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—The new steamer Sonoma, built for the Oceanic Steamship Company, has arrived here after a record breaking trip from Philadelphia. She came around Cape Horn in 38 days and 9 hours, making no stops. The best previous time was that made by the Sierra, 43 days 6 hours. She stopped at Coronel, however. The Sonoma is a sister ship of the pueris. She is to be placed in the run to Honolulu and Australia.

**THE MARKETS.**  
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