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Members Legislature Nearly All Arrived. Office Seekers Plentiful." Classification of State Officers. Facts Regarding

Political Composition of General Assembly.

Rallies, N. C., Jan. 8 .- This evelng the annual communication of the Grand Ludge of Masons began. The report for the year by Grand Secretary lohnU. Drowry showed that 276 lodges had reported and 48 had failed to do so, During the year the following new ledges were chartered: Luke McLauchlin, Unaka, Scotland, Roberdel and Cherryville. To-day a charter was granted Whetetone lodge, at Bessemer City, making in all 380. Galates lodge was revived and Wake Forest lodge sur rendered its charter. During the year il portraits were secured of Past Grand Masters, John Louis Taylor, John Hale. and Richard J. Noble. The receipts durng the year were \$6944. The membership reported is 11,637. Secretary Drewry says that if a complete report of all Masons in North Carolina was made would be found that there were over 5,000. The gain in membership in the past five years is large, as in 1895 there were only 9828.

The State charters the Dixle Furniture Company of Lexington, capital \$15,000 E. J. Buchanan and others stockholders. Members of the Legislature arrived very rapidly to-day, and this afternoon all save about half a dozen were present

Great surprise was expressed to-day at the resignation of Vice-President St John of the Seaboard Air Line. Lt. Gov, Reynolds arrived here to-day He will preside to-morrow ,and, as stated yesterday, will resign then. The president pro tem, to serve until Li, Gov. Wilfred D. Turner takes charge will be Senator M. H. Justice. A tele

gram was sent to Turner yesterday. arging him to come here at once so that Justice could confer with him regarding the make up of the committees. It had not been his purpose to come until the

An unusually large number of members f the Legislature are Masons.

Office seekers are here in great numers, and are from all parts of the State. ere at the inauguration are to be on a and out of the section of the sectio easis of 1000. Invitations were sent out o-day to all the Guard to attend.

Section 3219 of the Code classifies the tate officers as follows: "The general ivil executive officers of this State aras follows:

(1(A governor; (3) A lieutenant govmor; (8) A private secretary for the (overnor; (4) A secretary of state; (5) An general; (8) A superintendent of public instruction; (9) The members of the govrnor's council.

It is a fact not generally known that the office of Private Secretary to the Governor is a State office, and further, is classified in the statute as the third on the list, the law makers probably intending it to be the third most important of-

At noon yesterday not more than half dozen members of the General Assembly of 1901 were in the city. Every in coming afternoon train landed its quota and at 5 o'clock at least 150 of the 170 members were present and the lobby of the Yarboro was in the old time

Senators Brown of Columbus and Justice of Rutherford share the distinction of fathers of the Senate, both serving AND MARS BICYCLES. their Bed auccessive term.

Senators Speight of Edgecombe and ames of Pitt have been returned the 8d time, but their first term was in 1898. By the way these may be called the big 4 of the present Senate of big men. Senator James will not arrive until

sext Monday on account of Pitt The 3rd Sam'l J. Calvert Is in the Sen

ate from Northampton, the father and grand-father of the present able Senator having represented the county in their

The General Assembly of North Carolina which meets tomorrow will not contale a solitary negro Senator or Repre-

white or block from a single centern middle county. The entire Republic otics of the 8th and 9th Cen-

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and beautifying the skin, for cleansing the scalp of crusts, scales, and dandruff, and the stopping of falling hais, for softening, whitening, and soothing red, rough, and sore hands, in the form of baths for annoying irritations, inflammations, and chafings, or too free or offensive perspiration, in the form of washes, for ulcerative weaknesses, and for many sanative antiseptic purposes which readily suggest themselves to women, and especially to mothers, and for all the purposes of the toilet, bath, and nursery. No amount of persuasion can induce those who have once used it to use any other, especially for preserving and purifying the skin, scalp, and hair of infants and children. Curicura Soar combines delicate emollient properties derived from CUTICURA, the great skin cure, with the purest of cleansing ingredients and the most refreshing of flower odors. No other medicated soap ever compounded is to be compared with it for preserving, purifying, and beautifying the skin, scalp, hair, and hands. No other forign or domestic toilet sosp, however expensive, is to be compared with it for all the purposes of the toilet, bath, and nursery. Thus it combines in ONE SOAP at ONE PRICE, viz., TWENTY-FIVE CENTS, the BEST skin and complexion soap, BEST toilet and BEST baby soap in the world

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cepting 3 Pops from Sampson and one the war. This appears to be the Emthere are in the Senate 27 Eastern Dem- to the protestations of peace which ocrats and 13 Western Democrats In Prices Ching and Li Hung Chang may the House, 65 Eastern and 36 West- be instructed to make at Pekin.

than in the Senate. Both bodles how-The arrangements for the State Guard ever are considered far above the aver-

The One Day Cold Cure.

Special to Journal.

Reynolds arrived here this afternoon. Helicald that while he said yesterday that he would resign is soon as the senate organized, he was considering whether he ought to resign when his term of office was so nearly ended, and tonight he telegraphed Congressman

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r constitute at enormous sum; onne so great, in fact, that the Ri a newspepers at Shanghal and Bot ag agreetly represented that the

ton raising countles of the State there is ment is atrengthened against foreign solid Democratic representation, ex- pressure and is even assisted to renew from Biaden counties. Divided thus pre a Dowager's desire, without regard

The antagonism of the people is very All the Republicans come from the ntense, especially as regard the tax on tler of countles which produce frult, shops, and their opposition seems to be grain, grass, tobacco and whisky. The unyielding. The Chinese have a very omposition of the Senate is Democra's effective way of circumventing the of 10. Republicans 7. Pops 3. Of the dicials when they wish. It consists of House, Democrats 101, Republicans 17, closing their places of business, shutting Pops 2. Of the 50 Senators 14 are law- the street gates and retiring in sullen yers. In the House there are 32 lawyers, anger into their houses. The officials the exact number of the last General As- always fear this united action because the step between this and active opposition is but a short one, and if once taken erage of prominent and experienced and actual violence breaks out, the manpublic men in the House this session darins themselves are responsible for all that may follow .

When things reach this stage and a deadlock occurs, a deputation is selected on each side, which meet in some con renient temple to discuss the situation This tiresome discussion may go on for days, while the people walt in sullen ex-pectation, taking no further stept to-ward a solution of the difficulty. Mutus concessions finally relieve the situation but the people generally come off best Usually the mandarins fear the ange which they have excited, and speed! climb down and retreat, in order to hide their confusion.

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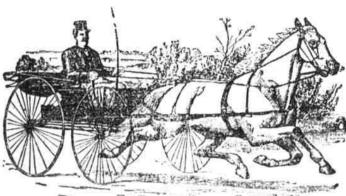
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