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EXTRAORDINARY STATE LIABILITIES.

State Treasurer Lacy's figures prepared for the Council of State, which that council must consider and pass upon, are decidedly startling.

These figures which have already been published in these columns in detail, briefly stated show, that the State's appropriations for 1902 show a net increase over 1900 of \$186,000, balance unpaid for 1901, \$100,000, while the increases in Penensions, Public Schools, Judiciary and Sundries amount to \$245,000, a grand total of liabilities of \$531,000.

How will these State liabilities be met. Officials give \$70,000 as the amount of the revenue increase over that of 1900.

It looks very evident that the last legislature has blundered at both ends, first, in estimating that the revenue acts it passed would yield vast returns, and with this idea it went into lavish appropriations.

In fact appropriations were made upon a scale of immense tax revenues, based upon property, values, which have not materialized, apparently not in the assessments, certainly not in the collecting.

It is not that the appropriations voted would not have been of great service for the purposes they were made, but to make an appropriation error of over one-half million dollars, is very far from good legislation.

It is now estimated that the State Treasurer will try and meet the accounts as they come in, but that the hope is in the next legislature, to seek a remedy to meet the unpaid balances.

This is not a pleasant outlook for the taxpayers of the State, especially considering the disastrous season of 1901, when every section of the State was subjected to severe crop losses.

The State taxes to be met in this first month of 1902, are going to strain very many taxpayers, and in some sections these taxes are going to be uncollectable, owing to the failure of crops.

It is not pleasant to contemplate this \$531,000, which confronts the taxpayers as a liability to meet. It is a startling sum, and one which cannot but cause uneasiness throughout the State.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear, there is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 70c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Boers Make a Raid

London, Jan. 1.—A dispatch to the Standard from Pretoria states that 800 Boers raided the Swaziland border. They attacked Ikanlal Kraal, the queen's residence.

Salvation Oil the Best Liniment. Price, 15 cts; large bottle 25 cts. Great cure on earth for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Soreness, Sprains, Backache, Stiffness, Cuts, Bruises, Wounds, Swellings, Burns and Frost Bites. Salvation Oil kills all pain.

New Year in London

London, Jan. 1.—The customary mob of roysters outside St. Paul's Cathedral to welcome the new year was smaller than usual.

Dr. Bull's Pills for Liver Ills

One pill a dose. Box, 50 pills, 10 cts. Cure Constipation, Liver Troubles, Biliousness, Impure Blood, Dyspepsia, Female Complaints, Headache and Bowel Disorders. Dr. Bull's Pills never grip.

CURE FOR CATARRH

A Remedy Which an Old Victorian Says is Infallible. An old Virginia horse breeder who is visiting in New York claims to have an infallible cure for catarrh. "It seems to me," he said, "that 90 per cent of the people of New York city suffer more or less from catarrh. If they will do as I suggest, they can cure themselves in a short order."

"A friend of mine who used to live in New York had such a severe case of catarrh that he was compelled to give up his business and go to Colorado. The doctors told him that the high altitude of that state would benefit him. He remained in Colorado nearly a year and then found himself as badly off as when he left New York. After he had made up his mind that nothing could cure him and that he might as well die at home as among strangers he met an old tinker, who gave him the remedy, which cured him in three months."

"Dissolve a little powdered alum in a pint of clear vinegar. Use the solution as a gargle three or four times a day. It won't do any harm if you swallow some of it. Two or three times a day, but particularly just before going to bed, put a chicken feather in vaseline and stick the feather up the nostrils. I suppose any contrivance bought at a drug store for the purpose will do just as well as a chicken feather, but the old tinker insisted that there was some medicinal virtue in the feather."

"The gargle clears the throat and the lower portions of the air passages from the nostrils. The vaseline heals the diseased condition of the affected parts. In a week the sufferer will feel better, and if he will keep up the treatment he can be assured that he will be cured." —New York Mail and Express.

German Steamer Wrecked

Kong Kong, Dec. 31.—The German steamer Clara was wrecked today near Hal-Hau, in the Straits of Malacca. The captain, chief officer, chief engineer and four passengers and eleven Chinese are missing.

New Century Comfort

Millions are daily finding a world of comfort in Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It kills pain from Burns, Scalds, Cuts, Bruises, Conquers Ulcers, and Fever Sores; cures Eruptions, Salt Rheum, Boils and Felons; removes Corns and Warts. Best Pills cure on earth. Only 25c. at C. D. Bradham's drug store.

White Lace Veils

To clean a white lace veil boil it gently in a solution of white soap for fifteen minutes; then put it into a basin of warm water and soap and keep squeezing it softly until clean. Follow this by rinsing free of soap and putting it into a basin of cold water containing a drop or two of liquid blue. Next make some very clear gum-arabic water or thin rice water and pass the veil through it. Then stretch it out evenly and pin it, making the edge as straight as possible and pinning each scallop separately to a linen cloth, and allow it to dry. When dry, cover it with a piece of thin muslin and iron it on the wrong side.

Cure For "The Blues"

A prominent physician has offered a cheap and simple cure for that form of mental depression known as "the blues." It is to smile. The more you smile the better. It relaxes the nerves, promotes digestion, switches the mind to agreeable thoughts and has a happy effect upon those about you. The remedy is a cheap one, and while in some instances it may be hard to take there is no fear of an overdose.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

When the Self-made Man Says

"Gimme some of the punnets do ter-ryer," and the waiter wants him to report it, he has a feeling of fear that never comes over him in the busy marts of trade.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Literary people pay but little attention to the volume of business

—Detroit Tribune. A Prominent Woman Speaks. Prof. Rosa Tyler, of Chicago, Vice-President Illinois Women's Alliance, in speaking of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says: "I suffered with a severe cold this winter which threatened to run into pneumonia. I tried different remedies but I seemed to grow worse and the medicine upset my stomach. A friend advised me to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and I found it was pleasant to take and it relieved me at once. I am now entirely recovered, saved a doctor's bill, time and suffering, and I will never be without this splendid medicine again." For sale by F. S. Duffy & Co.

Edward Able to Smoke

London, Dec. 31.—A friend of King Edward's who recently visited His Majesty says that the King's better than he has been for a long time. His voice is no longer husky and after dinner the informant said His Majesty smoked four cigars.

Gage Tenders His Resignation

Washington, Dec. 31.—Lyman T. Gage today formally tendered his resignation as Secretary of the Treasury, to President Roosevelt.

Winter Excursion Rates

Effective October 15, 1901, excursion rates were placed on all routes by the Southern Railway at all principal winter resorts. The rates are as follows: South by rail to the winter resorts, \$1.00; return by rail, \$1.00.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Digests what you eat. This preparation contains all the ingredients and digests all kinds of food. It gives instant relief and never fails to cure. It allows you to eat all the food you want. The most sensitive stomachs can take it. By its use many thousands of dyspeptics have been cured after everything else failed. It prevents formation of gas on the stomach, relieving all distress after eating. Distinguishingly pleasant to take. It can't help but do you good.

Prepared only by E. C. DuWree & Co., Chicago. The 51 bottle contains 24 doses for 50c.

F. S. DUFFY & CO.

The Largest Lift. On the great Dortmund and Ems canal, which is destined eventually to connect the river Rhine with the Elbe, an electric lift has been constructed at Hohnsbuerg lock which will lift barges of 950 tons. The structure is intended to overcome an average fall of forty-six feet between the Dortmund reach and the main reach and will accommodate a barge 220 feet long. The electrical power is supplied by dynamo driven by engines of 220 horsepower, the voltage used is 220, and a current of 800 amperes is used to start the machinery. Needless to say, it is the largest structure of the kind in the world.

Beat Out of an Increase of His Pension

A Mexican war veteran and prominent editor writes: "Seeing the advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, I am reminded that as a soldier in Mexico in '47 and '48 I contracted Mexican diarrhoea and this remedy has kept me from getting an increase in my pension for an every renewal a dose of it restores me." It is unequalled as a quick cure for diarrhoea and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by F. S. Duffy & Co.

Men's Evening Dress

The Tattler of London hears that a well known young peer is forming a league for the abolition of the present form of men's evening dress. The precise details of the change have not yet been decided, but as the main object of the league is to differentiate the gentleman from his gentleman son, starting alterations will be suggested.

The Mother's Favorite

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the mother's favorite. It is pleasant and safe for children to take and always cures. It is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough, and is the best medicine made for these diseases. There is not the least danger in giving it to children for it contains no opium or other injurious drug and may be given as confidently to a babe as to an adult. For Sale by F. S. Duffy & Co.

Adepts in Washing Things Down

"A Louisville man is going to eat a straw hat on a wager." "Pretty dry meal, isn't it?" "Not in Kentucky."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Vital Question

Ethel—Yes, I am a great admirer of Mrs. Roosevelt.

Saturday's Work

All some men do on Saturday is to get shaved.—Atchison Globe.

Remedy for Nervous Exhaustion

Are you weakened and exhausted by overwork, worry or disease? The Mystic Life Renewer will quickly renew your strength and vitality. It is the Greatest Nerve Builder known. It is a marvelous vitality and strengthener. It quickly and certainly cures: Loss of Appetite, Indigestion, Nervous Weakness, Palpitation of the Heart and falling health. It is indeed a wonderful Life Renewer and Life Strengthening. Sold by T. A. Henry, New Bern.

Miles as Secretary of War

Washington, Dec. 31.—General Miles was acting secretary of war today, owing to the absence from Washington of Secretary Root and Assistant Secretary Sanger.

Finds Way to Live Long

The startling announcement of a Discovery that will surely lengthen life is made by editor O. H. Downey, of Chubbuck, Ind. "I wish to state," he writes, "that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is the most infallible remedy that I have ever known for Coughs, Colds and Grip. It is invaluable to people with weak lungs. Having this wonderful medicine no one need dread Pneumonia or Consumption. It is instant and sure certain." O. H. Downey guarantees every 50c and \$1.00 bottle, and gives trial bottles free.

Paris as Gay as Ever

Paris, Jan. 1.—The New Year was welcomed here with the customary gaiety. The boulevards were so crowded that progress was almost impossible, and the booths for the sale of toys and sweetmeats did a thriving business. The weather was almost summerlike.

The Chinese in America Banquet

The Chinese in America Banquet was given at the Grand Hotel, New York, on Dec. 31.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR

Turning the Tables. "Tillam," said a young hotelier the other day, "how many towels are there in this table?"

"Why," said the gentleman as he looked complacently on a pair of nicely roasted chickens which were smoking on the table, "there are two."

"Two?" replied the smart boy. "There are three, sir, and I'll prove it."

"Three?" replied the old gentleman, who was a plain matter of fact man. "I'd like to see you prove it."

"Really done, really done! Is not that one," said the smart boy, laying his knife on the first, "and that two," pointing to the second, "and do not one and two make three?"

"Really," said the father, turning to his wife, who was stupefied at the immense learning of her son, "really this boy is a genius and deserves to be encouraged." And then, to show that there's fun in old folks as well as in young ones, he added, "Wife, do you take one fowl, and I'll take the second, and John may have the third as a reward for his remarkable accomplishments in learning."

Still a Good Chance. "Do you think there is any hope?" asked the disconsolate lover.

"Hope!" repeated his wise sister. "Of course there is."

"But she told me," persisted the disconsolate lover, "that she never wanted to see my face again when we had our last quarrel."

She didn't mean it," asserted the wise sister. "I know she didn't mean it. When I was there today, your photograph still stood on her dresser. Until that disappears there is no reason to despair."—Chicago Post.

Fatally Sundered. Edgar—in Chicago, Eastman, the housewife keeps her cooks by treating them as equals.

Eastman—Oh, it's too late, Edgar, too late! Cook wouldn't recognize me as her equal if I gave her a "ton" every afternoon in the week.—Detroit Free Press.

Sixkiller's Arm a Deadly Weapon. "Another man has been killed by a blow of the fist, which suggests the thought that at times the naked fist of a man, given proper impetus by a well developed biceps, is an exceedingly dangerous and destructive instrument," said a man who for many years lived at Vinita, in the Cherokee Nation.

It recalls a bit of history local to the Indian Territory," he continued. "Not far from the Arkansas line there lived a half breed who went by the name of John Sixkiller. He was a bad man, but not bad in the ordinary southwestern way—that is to say, he was not a 'gun fighter,' although he enjoyed a general mixup immensely, and until the Cherokee council intervened he indulged in many such affairs."

"After three men whom he had 'killed' had died of their injuries the council (tribal legislature) met and passed an act declaring that 'John Sixkiller's right arm is a deadly weapon' and that 'it is forbidden to use it against an adversary except to protect himself from death or great bodily injury.'"

Pussy's Sponge and Hairbrush. Cats large and small make the most careful toilet of any class of animals, excepting some of the opossums. Lions and tigers wash themselves in exactly the same manner as a cat, wetting the dark, India-rubber-like ball of the fore foot and the inner toe, and passing it over the face and behind the ears. The foot is thus at the same time a face sponge and brush, and the rough tongue combs the rest of the body.

After the Wedding. The Countess—You've no idea how embarrassed the count was when he proposed to me.

The Dear Friend—I heard it took considerable of your father's money to pay his debts.—Judge.

Met More Than Half Way. Dashaway—Well, old man, did you make up with your best girl?

Cleaverton—Yes, but I thought I never would succeed in convincing her that I was wrong.—Brooklyn Life.

CASTORIA. The Kid You Have Always Bought.

Winter Homes in Summer Lands

The above is the title of an attractive booklet just issued by the Passenger Department of the Southern Railway. It is beautifully illustrated and fully describes the winter resorts of the South. A copy may be secured by sending two-cent stamp to S. H. Harwick, G. P. A., Washington, D. C.

The Forum

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The Military Duty of the Engineering Institutions. Rev. Adm. George W. Melville, Engineer-in-Chief, U. S. Navy. A New Era in Mexico. Prof. Paul B. Rehnach.

The Place of Geography in the Elementary School. Hon. W. T. Harris, U. S. Commissioner of Education.

Problems of Our Educational System. W. De Witt Hyde, President of Bowdoin College.

The Americanization of England. Earl Mayo.

The Chinese in America. Banquet. The State's Progress in Tariff Legislation. Jacob Schenckel.

Mexican Mustang Liniment. will readily overcome Loss of Hair, Dandruff, Itch and Irritation to the Head. For sale by F. S. Duffy & Co., Chicago.

A toad under a harrow suffers no more than the faithful horse that is tortured with Spavins, Swinney, Harness Sores, Sprains, etc. Most horse owners know this and apply the kind of sympathy that heals, known far and wide as Mexican Mustang Liniment.

Mexican Mustang Liniment. is the best remedy on the market for Wind Galls, Sprains and Skin Lumps. It keeps horses and mules in condition.

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ARE YOU DEAF? ANY HEAD NOISES? DEAFNESS OR HARD HEARING ARE NOW CURABLE. by our new invention. Only those born deaf are incurable. HEAD NOISES CEASE IMMEDIATELY. F. A. WERMAN, OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

The Finest Lager BEER In The State. Some old fine Whiskey such as Old Charter, for family use. Habicht Key West Cigars, call or them.

OYSTERS SERVED IN EVERY STYLE. L. B. HABICHT, Corner South Front and Hancock Streets.

Henry's Pharmacy, 127 Middle St. Columbian Insecticide, Peterman's Roach Food, Hooper's Fatal Food and Sure Death to Moths, Bugs, etc. Also Bromo Chloradine.

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Medicines, Toilet Articles, Perfumery, Tooth Brushes, &c. Physicians' Prescriptions a specialty. Lodge Directory.

NEW BERN CONCLAVE. Improved Order Eucharistic, meets 2nd and 4th Thursday nights at 8 o'clock at Rountree Hall, Dr. E. P. Barry, Archon; J. J. Tolson, Jr., Financier; Geo. D. Gardner, Secretary.

CHAVEN LODGE NO. 1 KNIGHTS OF HARMONY. Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday nights in each month in Rountree's Hall, Pollock street, at 7:30 o'clock. J. J. Wolfenden, President; R. J. Dunaway, Sec'y; R. B. Hill, Financial Secretary.

Property For Sale. I have several desirable Residences for sale situated in the best residence part of the City. Also a number of good building lots in good localities. J. J. WOLFENDEN.

CASTORIA. The Kid You Have Always Bought.

ANNUAL MEETING. Of stockholders of the National Bank of New Bern, N. C. The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank, for the election of its directors, and the transaction of such other business as may come before them, will be held at their banking house, on the 2nd Tuesday of January, being the 14th day of January, 1902. The polls will be opened at 12 o'clock M. to be closed at 1 P. M. G. H. ROBERTS, Cashier. December 13 1901.

SURVEYING! Having secured the services of experienced parties, I am prepared on short notice to execute Farm, City, Land and Rail Road surveying, Ditches, Streets and Roads laid out and leveled. Drafting in all its branches. Blue and black prints made. Old maps repaired and mounted. Topographical surveying and plotting. Drawings and working plans executed promptly. Sewerage and drainage planned, laid out and construction superintended.

J. J. Wolfenden, New Bern, N. C. Notice to Creditors. In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina at New Bern. In the matter of Richard S. Neal, of Carolina City, N. C. Bankrupt. The petition of Richard S. Neal, of Carolina City, N. C. for a full discharge in bankruptcy, having been filed in said court, it is ordered by the court that a hearing be had on the 3rd day of Jan., 1902, before L. J. Moore, Referee at New Bern, N. C. at 12 o'clock, noon, and that all known creditors and other persons interested may appear at said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted. This 30th day of December 1901. H. L. GIANT, Clerk. By Geo. GREEN, Deputy.

Clothing for Christmas. should be the best you can afford. You'll get the most satisfactory if you have us make you a suit or overcoat to order. We give a perfect fit and correct style. You have a choice of material from a big stock of exclusive patterns. F. M. Chadwick.

Notice! Bids Wanted. By order of Board County Commissioners, Bids are hereby asked for to furnish provisions for inmates of County Home and other county poor for 13 months. Bids to be made in peration per day, and to be submitted to the Board at their regular meeting to be held the first Monday in January 1902.

The Farmers & Merchants BANK. Capital, Surplus and Profits \$88,850.00. APRIL 30th, 1901. What We Have Done, Do, and Will Continue to Do.

This Bank conducts its business upon "up-to-now" methods. It is our purpose to deal justly and liberally with all. We carefully safeguard the interests of our customers. Moreover, we frequently do it unknown to them; as opportunities often come to us in confidential ways, and you cannot over-appreciate such consideration.

We are not disposed to overlook the fact that the interests of the Bank and those of the people are closely bound together, and cannot by any means be separated. This Bank acts as a repository for wills, and safely keeps them till the proper time of surrender. Will also act as the custodian of money or papers left with us in escrow. No charge for these services.

We procure Letters of Credit for intending travellers. We aim to be prompt, progressive and liberal. In the matter of accommodations, this Bank meets every requirement within the limits of prudent banking. If you have never been identified with us as a patron, we ask you to consider the advisability of becoming one. In the early future, we propose adding a novel, yet substantial Savings Bank feature to our already progressive institution.

SO YEARS' EXPERIENCE PATENTS. TRADE MARK DESIGN COPYRIGHTS &c. Any one desiring a sketch and description may readily secure our opinion free of charge. Our examination is practically infallible. Communication in plain English. Handwritten on Patent paper. Patent secured by our experts. Patent secured without charge, without charge, in the Scientific American.

FOR RENT. A good roomy house for \$8.00 per month. Another for \$5.00 Both payable in advance. E. E. HARTER.

Opening of Winter Tourist Season. The Southern Railway, which operates its own lines over the entire South and forms the important link in the great highway of travel between the North and South, Florida, Cuba, Mexico, the Pacific Coast and Central America, has the most superb service ever offered. Its splendid regular service will be supplemented by the Southern Palm Limited, a magnificent Pullman train which will be operated between New York and St. Augustine, Florida.

Don't Forget. Our elegant line of Self-Pronouncing Teachers Bibles, Vest Pocket Edition of Pronouncing Testament, Vest Pocket Edition of the Bible Dictionary, besides a nice line of good books to select your Christmas presents from. You can give nothing better to your boy or girl or friend than a nice Bible, Testament or good book. Yours truly, J. C. Whitty & Co. Cor. So. Front & Craven St.

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