

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS BUDGET

Legislators Favor the Louisiana Election Law.

SENATOR PRITCHARD'S VIEWS

Says the Law is Unconstitutional and That If Enacted He Will Test It in the Courts—"Buck" Kitchen For Railroad Commissioner—State Penitentiary Matters—Useless Land Rented.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 13.—There is deep interest in the views of members of the Legislature as to the new election law and franchise amendment to the constitution. There will be no constitutional convention—that may be asserted quite positively. As to the Louisiana law, it is liked because of its entire frankness. It simply excludes the negro. That is all there is in it. The only question is, is that law constitutional? Senator Justice, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, said to-day that while it might be years before the constitutionality of the Louisiana law is tested in the courts, an immediate test will be made as to North Carolina; that Senator Pritchard will make this. He has said he will do so as soon as the law is enacted: Of course the Legislature has no fear of him. Then, again, the State Supreme Court must be taken into account, particularly as to one of its justices, who, it seems, has said he thought the Louisiana law unconstitutional. But four out of five of the legislators appear to favor the Louisiana law.

ANOTHER CAUCUS

Next Tuesday the Democratic caucus will settle the question as to how many Superior Court districts there will be. Last night the matter was before the caucus until a late hour, but no agreement was reached. The street here increased last night on the trees. These were loaded to the breaking point. Many wires are broken, or crossed, and the electric currents were cut off by order of Mayor Powell. Some 50-foot poles fell. One man was hit by a falling wire and stunned.

Next Thursday the new buildings at the Institution for the Blind will be thrown open to the public. "BUCK" KITCHEN'S ASPIRATION. Ex-Congressman "Buck" Kitchen is an aspirant for the position of Railway Commissioner.

THE PENITENTIARY.

The examination of the books, &c., of the penitentiary does not appear to show available assets to exceed \$2,000, while the liabilities seem to approximate \$110,000. Truly the fusionists have put the State in a bad position, so far as the penitentiary is concerned. Superintendent Day, of the penitentiary, was interviewed to-day regarding that institution. He said: "The trouble is that the penitentiary has only 600 convicts available for farm work. Yet the State has rented 16,000 acres of land, which is in 7 farms, on the Roanoke river, near Wilmington and in Anson county. The 600 convicts can work 275 horses, each horse being able to cultivate 25 acres, or a total of only 9,000 acres. This shows that the State is paying for 7,000 acres of land it can't use. As I say, there are 7 farms, each with a supervisor. Then there is the enormous expense of transporting convicts to these disjointed farms. The cost of guards is 50 per cent greater than if there were only one farm. If all these farms were 'bunched' into one it would save \$15,000 a year. No farming, save on bottom land, is profitable with this class of labor. The rents now aggregate \$11,000; in other words we are paying something like \$65,000 for land we cannot possibly use, and which, with our force, we are actually unable to cultivate."

It is the opinion of experts that the Northampton, Halifax, Cape Fear and Anson farms should be given up, even if the State has to pay the lease money. BILLS INTRODUCED AND PASSED. Favorable action was taken by the Legislature to-day on the bill to unite the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina Railway.

A bill to repeal the tax on immigration agents was made the special order in the Senate. It will pass. Agents are in the State ready to take further South great numbers of negroes as soon as this bill passes.

A bill was introduced in the Senate to ratify the organization of the South Carolina and Georgia Railway.

It is decided that no bills shall be introduced after February 15th. The Senate passed a bill repealing all the election laws of 1895 and 1897, which were passed by the Fusionists.

The House passed a bill abolishing the State Board of Tax Equalization. It also passed the same bill to remove a corner stone from the new building of the Institution for the white blind here, on which is the name of a negro ex-director who is odious to the whites. Two negroes voted in favor of this bill.

USE OF SCHOOL FUNDS.

This afternoon the joint committee on amendments to the constitution, gave a hearing to negro leaders in the matter of the restriction of the suffrage and the use of all taxes paid by whites for white schools. Three negroes address the committee—Isaac H. Smith, Rev. R. H. W. Leak and Prof. Cross. These were assured that there was no purpose to abridge negro education.

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They were also told that the experience of 30 years in North Carolina had shown the negro unfit for the ballot, and that suffrage must be curtailed. Leak said he was satisfied with whatever the Legislature did as to the franchise, as he thought the majority would try to do what is right. Crosby told the committee that of the 125,000 negroes in this State, only one-fifth are qualified to form an opinion as to the suffrage. He said that the negroes ostracised those of their race who vote independently. He regarded this solid black vote as a great menace to government, and that the negroes are to be saved from themselves.

ELIZABETH CITY.

A PUBLIC BUILDING—PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Jan. 13.—Congressman Harry Skinner has introduced a bill asking the appropriation of \$75,000 for a Custom-house for this city, and it is reported here that very likely it will be passed. This city is badly in need of such building and the people feel more than grateful for the work of Mr. Skinner.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pool has been appointed postmistress for this city and will take charge March 4th.

Mr. H. B. Schley is in the city, representing the Columbia Zither Company, of Boston, Mass.

Mr. John and Miss Ethel Davis, of Oxford College, arrived to-day and will spend a few days with Mr. C. Sawyer, on Ehringhouse street, before returning to their home, in the country.

Mr. H. E. Hodson, the popular piano tuner, will leave our city to-day for Norfolk, his home.

Our streets never were in such a disagreeable condition. Dr. Griggs, W. C. Glover and C. W. Grice returned from Raleigh to-day, where they have been on business.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

Mr. G. W. Kellum, Jr., died last week at his home, Hubert, Onslow county, aged 43 years.

Mr. James Redmond, of New Berne, as treasurer received \$70 in 1896 towards a hospital fund. Not having received anything since, he wants to know what to do with it.

Heavy shipments of clams are being made daily from Wilmington, Beaufort, New Berne and Elizabeth City.

Mr. J. Q. A. Wood, of Hertford, will open a store at Durham.

Monroe has built a handsome new opera house.

Mrs. Elizabeth Caroline Robertson, of Charlotte, died Thursday, aged 71 years.

Miss Bessie Rintels and Mr. E. N. Camp, of Charlotte, were united in marriage Thursday evening.

The Lumber Bridge Presbyterian church has declined to accept the resignation of Rev. P. R. Law, as pastor.

Mr. G. M. Ross, Jr., of Fayetteville, has accepted the position of general passenger agent of the North Carolina and St. Louis railroad, at Nashville.

L. E. Seay, of Salisbury, recently sold two bird dogs to Northern parties for \$500.

The little son of Rev. R. L. Limerick, Charley by name, who was shot in the back during the holidays by Master John Randall with a little shot gun, at Stanley, is up and going about.

Mr. M. L. Flynn, of Washington, has been compelled to make an assignment.

GREENSBORO.

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 13.—Col. W. S. Rankin, of this city, died this morning at the age of 62 years. Colonel Rankin was promoted from lieutenant of Company M, Twenty-first North Carolina Regiment, to lieutenant-colonel, step by step, and each time for some special act of bravery. Colonel Rankin will be interred in the old Presbyterian Cemetery to-morrow at 2 o'clock.

HERTFORD.

Hertford, N. C., Jan. 13.—Messrs. C. W. Morgan and David Cox returned from Raleigh to-day, where they have been in the interest of the Masonic Lodge.

Mrs. N. Saunders is visiting relatives in Rocky Mount.

Mr. W. H. Ward, Jr., has been confined to his room for the past few days.

Mr. Irwin Winslow, of Liverpool, England, is visiting relatives in town.

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"And ordered you off?"

"No, sir."

"Then what?"

"But I informed me that my darling had been married at 4 o'clock in the afternoon to a plumber and was then half-way to Chicago on her wedding tour!"

EMBARRASSED. "Men are such horrid, inconsiderate creatures," she exclaimed on her way home from the theater. "You know I couldn't take this hat off without running the risk of spoiling it." "Well, nobody said anything." "No; but actions speak louder than words. And every time I glanced around the man behind me was craning his neck and deliberately looking as uncomfortable as he possibly could!"—Washington Star.

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