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If the system is fortified by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which makes rich, red blood, there is little danger of sickness.

A bill has been introduced in the Legislature permitting fish to swim in any water, for which privilege the fish should be extremely grateful.

The North Carolina Christian Advocate opposes the law to tax old bachelors on the ground that there are already too many married people in the State.

McKINLEY will roll into Washington today on a train known as the "Venetian Red," and most of the office-seekers who follow him will return on the "Royal Blue."

ONLY two Presidents were born between April and October. The record by months is as follows: January, 2; February, 3; March, 4; April, 4; July, 1; August, 1; October, 3; November, 4; December, 2.

The President has sent to the Senate the nomination of William W. Clark, of Newborn, to be U. S. district judge for the eastern district of North Carolina. It is hardly likely that the nomination will be confirmed.

ONE of the Kansas solons doesn't propose to have any unmarried men over 30 years of age at large in his State. He proposes to tax all unmarried fellows between 25 and 30 \$100 a year, and send all over 30 to the penitentiary.

THERE is talk of an extra session of the legislature. Please don't Governor Russell. We can endure famine, pestilence, drought, war, but don't inflict any prolonged agony on the State, such as an extra session. If they don't do anything let 'em go home.—Progressive Farmer.

MAJ. MCKINLEY will at the time of his inauguration be fifty-four years of age. Nine Presidents entered the White House at an early age—Grant at forty-seven, Cleveland at forty-eight, Garfield and Pierce at forty-nine, Polk at fifty, Fillmore at fifty, Tyler and Arthur at fifty-one, and Lincoln at fifty-two.

WHILE there may be nothing at present in our relations with Spain to call for a naval demonstration in Cuban waters, it must not be forgotten that we have under Admiral Bance's command a force of vessels that could at any time make short work of the sea defenses of Havana and of the fleet that Spain maintains in the Gulf.

THE House bill annulling the 99-year lease of the North Carolina railroad to the Southern was taken up in the Senate Friday. After a lively debate the Senate adopted a substitute reducing the lease to 36 years at 7 per cent.

The substitute passed its second and third readings, the chamber was put on the vote, the bill was engrossed and then sent to the House.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for a thorough sumpson tour in Ohio by Wm. J. Bryan in the coming campaign for the election of the Legislature, that will choose the successor to Marcus A. Hanna in the United States Senate.

Mr. Bryan, if he decides to go, will work in the interest of John R. McLean, who will be the candidate of the Democrats for Senator. The Democratic leaders in Ohio believe that by hard work and good management a tree-silver Senator can be secured there. They will rely largely upon the dissatisfaction which they expect to follow the appointment of Mr. Hanna to the Senate, and will appear in the Republican vote next fall.

AT a recent meeting of the board of county commissioners for Robeson county, says the Lumberton Reporter, Mr. Tyler, Populist, offered a bill to provide for free coinage of silver for Robeson county, and Mr. Purvis, the other Populist commissioner, ally seconded the proposition, saying that he had labored earnestly for several years to bring about this happy state. But like all laudable efforts of our Populist friends, since their untimely alliance with the children of darkness, popularly called Republicans, this is likely to fail. The chairman of the board is a Republican, and he deliberately laid the bill on the table, stating that he was not quite certain that the board had the power to enter upon free coinage, and it would be better to investigate the matter.

A POINT TO REMEMBER—If you wish to purify your blood you should take a medicine which cures blood diseases. The record of cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla proves that this is the best medicine for the blood ever produced. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures the most stubborn cases and it is the medicine for you to take if your blood is impure.

Hood's Pills are the best after dinner pill, assist digestion, cure headache. 25 cents.

News Notes as Called from Our State Exchanges.

The Northern fair was held last week. Mr. W. S. Harris has been confirmed as postmaster at Wilson.

Hollingsworth & Holland, merchants at Fayetteville, made an assignment last Tuesday.

Eighty per cent of the adult cotton factory employes in Catawba county voted and write.

Gaston county's cotton factories give employment to 883 men, 1,116 women and 763 children.

The Kinston Free Press has entered on its fifth year. It is one of our most valuable exchanges.

write us better roads, or give us death," is the way Patrick Henry puts it, says the Wilkesboro Chronicle.

The Durham Sun has entered on its fifth year. It continues to shine for all and is a most welcome visitor at this office.

B. F. King a grocer of Wilmington, made an assignment Tuesday. Preferences amounting to about \$1,400 were made.

Bishop C. B. Galloway will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the commencement of Greensboro Female College, May 25th.

A gold nugget weighing four pounds was found Wednesday at the Ingram Crawford mine, in Stanly county. A pretty good find.

Three children of Lake Sparksman, colored, were so badly burned in Durham last week that two of them died. The other will recover.

The Carolina Telephone company is considering the advisability of putting in a line from Kinston to Dover, Core Creek and Trenton.

Kings' Mountain Weekly. The bill to allow one to vote who cannot show his tax receipt is just what is needed. By all means let it become a law.

Jack Miller, a negro suspected of murder at Norfolk, Va., for whom a reward of \$100 was offered by the Governor of Virginia, was captured in Charlotte.

The Biblical Recorder says: "The people of North Carolina will rejoice to know that no wine will be served from the Governor's table during his administration."

Winston Sentinel. We learn that the colored people of Winston have taken \$14,000 stock in the cotton factory to be worked in Atlanta by colored operatives.

Two prisoners in Randolph county jail attacked the jailer and choked him severely in an effort to escape from the jail. Assistance came and the attempt was frustrated.

Progressive Farmer. The legislature has now only about ten days to complete its work, and it hasn't begun the work yet. Let the miserable pie-bunters go to work or go home.

A rather well dressed tramp was found with his throat cut from ear to ear, and his skull crushed in Saturday evening on the S. A. L. roadbed three miles this side of Southern Pines.

J. L. Cooper, a merchant and tobacco manufacturer of Winston, assigned Tuesday. His assets are placed at \$75,000 and liabilities at \$40,000. His preferences are aggregated at \$32,000.

There are more than fifty students in the law department of Wake Forest college and others will soon enter. There are 258 students enrolled, representing more than seventy counties in the state.

The Asheville Gazette predicts that Hazekah Gudgeon will be the next collector of internal revenue for the Western district. He left the Democratic party because it didn't give it to him four years ago.

Hutton Perry, colored, on trial at Washington, was found guilty of criminal assault upon Annie Smith, a white girl 12 or 14 years old, in Beaufort county, a year ago. He was sentenced to be hanged March 23.

The Coleman Cotton Mills company of Concord, is now regularly organized. It will use negro labor in its mill at Concord. A negro named Fitzgerald, from Durham, is president, and Warren Coleman is secretary and treasurer.

Beilville Weekly. The plant of the A. H. Matley Tobacco Company has been bought by Hershey & Co., of New Orleans, La., who will begin operations at an early day. They have ample capital to make the business a big thing for Beilville and will use it freely, we are glad to hear. Employment will be given to many deserving white girls.

Governor Russell has pardoned Dr. T. D. Delamar, one of the noted Beaufort grayscaled insurance swindlers, who was sentenced to two years' jail imprisonment. The pardon was recommended by Hon. T. J. Jarvis, Judge O. H. Allen, 200 citizens of Carteret county, and others. It appeared, by certificate of physicians, that Delamar was slowly dying and further confinement would soon bring about his death.

Why will you buy bitter nauseating tonics when Groves' Tasteless Chill Tonic is as pleasant as lemon syrup. Your druggist is authorized to refund the money in every case where it fails to cure. Price 50 cents.

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The Work of the Law Makers For the Week Ending Tuesday.

SENATE

February 24.—Bills introduced as follows: By Senator Person, to supply public laws to all justices of the peace.

By Senator Moye, to require a license to carry concealed weapons.

To make water courses twenty feet wide and eight feet, lawful fees.

To extend the time to compromise, commute and settle the state debt.

To repeal the charter of Margratta-ville, Northampton county.

To place the registers of deeds' bonds at \$5,000.

To amend the charter of Rocky Mount.

To amend The Code, by adding that any justice of the peace failing to keep a record of his criminal and civil trials shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

February 25.—The following bills passed:

To establish a graded school at Greenville.

To aid in construction of Winston-Salem Southbound railroad.

To protect creditors and innocent purchasers of personal property mortgaged in other states.

To authorize the auditor to draw a warrant on the state treasurer for \$5 extra for each page of the general assembly.

To allow certain grandchildren of ex-slaves to inherit property.

Senator Butler introduced a bill to protect employes, passengers and ship crews and to elect railroad commissioners by the vote of the people.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 24.—The following are among the bills introduced:

By Mr. Ward, to reduce the pay of legislators to \$3 per day.

By Mr. Young, to make a \$4,000 appropriation (additional) out of the general fund for ten colored state normal schools.

Bills passed as follows:

To work Northampton's roads by taxation.

To require all public school teachers to read aloud to pupils twice during each session the constitutions of the United States and of North Carolina.

To amend The Code as to indictments for embezzlement so as to give justices of the peace jurisdiction.

February 25.—Bills passed as follows:

To amend the law regarding restoration to citizenship so the petitioner can file his petition in the county in which he resided or in which he resides.

The bill to appropriate \$5,000 to the "Railing Exposition" or "North Carolina Wholes" came up. An amendment was adopted striking out the appropriation and providing that there be no expense to the state. The bill then passed.

To make it a misdemeanor for any person not duly licensed to perform the marriage ceremony.

The bill to make \$5,000 additional appropriation in the university for a water supply and protection against fire was taken up.

After a lengthy debate the bill passed by a vote of 76 to 26.

The bill to appropriate \$12,500 additional for the state normal and industrial school next came up.

Mr. Duckery said the same committee made this report that it was unanimous, that in the senate only one vote was cast against the bill, that all recognized the needs of the school. The bill passed by an overwhelming vote.

CHARLES BURTON carries the mail between two Kentucky towns 20 miles apart, every day in the year but Sunday. He has to travel 12,250 miles a year for all of which he gets one cent per annum. He isn't making much money, nor having much fun, but he has before him the ever-present satisfaction of having under his feet his competitor.

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The first spring month.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla

Almost to the exclusion of all others. Try it. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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Phaeton For Sale.

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Blues and Sandys, 5 1-16

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