

THE LEGISLATURE is still industriously engaged in the good work of tabling and defeating a large majority of the numerous bills that have been introduced. This is the result of quiet and steady work of the various committees.

One of the most important matters that has yet been considered by any committee is in regard to the repeal or reduction of the homestead and personal property exemptions.

Whether or not this bill will pass (or ought to pass) we will not express an opinion until we can read it in full. We would certainly object to the law allowing any worthy homestead without his wife's consent, and she thereby be turned out of house and home.

A bill has passed the Senate requiring county superintendents of public instruction to collect statistics of the number of deaf, dumb and blind children in their respective counties.

The usual bill to make six percent the only lawful interest has, of course, been introduced and no doubt will be vigorously discussed.

On last Tuesday, the Senate, by a vote of 25 to 19, sent Mr. J. P. Leach, who was contesting the seat of Henderson, the negro Senator from Vance and Warren. This leaves not a single solitary republican in our State Senate, and yet at one time many well posted democrats feared that the republicans would have a majority in the Senate.

The House has passed a bill, as recommended in Gov. Holt's message, to divide the crime of murder into two degrees. The death penalty is inflicted for all murders perpetrated by means of poison, lying in wait, imprisonment, starving, torture, or by any other kind of willful, deliberate and premeditated killing.

EX-PRESIDENT R. B. HAYES, after quite a short sickness, died last week at his home in Fremont, Ohio. He will always be remembered as the "Fraudulent President" (as the man who by fraud was placed in the Presidential chair to which Mr. Tilden had been elected). This great fraud will ever remain a deep and damning blot on America's fair name.

which will be held the last week in March. Every good citizen will rejoice if this fellow is convicted and receives his merited punishment.

We hope that the grand juries of other counties will investigate this unlawful conspiracy, and indict every felon in the State.

The Light law passed last month by the Legislature of South Carolina is one of the most remarkable acts of legislation that any sane or civilized people have ever been guilty of. Practically it will be a powerful and unscrupulous political and personal machine of Gov. Tillman, and no doubt will be used by him to promote his individual welfare.

The Road Congress for this State was held at Raleigh, on last Thursday, and was attended by about 300 delegates from eighty counties, who were among the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of the State.

First, that public roads should be constructed and kept up partly by taxation upon all subjects of taxation within the respective counties, partly by requiring labor from those subject to road duty and partly by use of convict labor as hereafter declared.

Second, that the labor of such convicts as are not required by law to be imprisoned in the penitentiary should be employed in the construction and improvement of public roads.

Third, that there should be such legislation as to require the boards of county commissioners in every county to employ a competent engineer or expert in road building to supervise and direct the working of the road improvement upon all public roads in the counties.

One of the very ablest members of our Legislature is C. B. Watson, Esq., of Winston, and he is also one of the without. On last Saturday a bill came up in the House to exempt Vance county from the possum law passed by the last Legislature.

Mr. Watson rose and gave a very learned discourse on the subject of possums and the propriety of passing the bill. He said in substance: This bill is to exempt Vance county from the unjust legislation of two years ago.

The Grand Jury of Wake county found a true bill, last week, against S. Otto Wilson upon an indictment charging him with belonging to Gideon's Band. He was at once arrested and required to give a justified bond for his appearance at the next term of Wake superior court,

possum. This explains the nature of the family in this respect. Cosh was the son of Ham, and from him was descended Nimrod, the great possum hunter. Also we trace the idea down through the Amorites, the Hittites, to the Gideons! Man then went, though unlawfully, to the "simoon" mounds and carried away in all directions two possums each.

I have sometimes wondered what "mabroun" of the gods was. After a full investigation of the reports of history on the subject, I have reached the conclusion that it was a chowder made of the heads of possums caught by Diana hunting at the foot of Mt. Olympus.

There was an interesting discussion in the Senate last week upon the proposition to strike out of the present usury law the provision that allows contracting parties to agree to a rate of interest so great as eight per cent.

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Washington Letter.

(From our regular correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, JAN. 20, 1893.

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Frozen While Stealing.

From the Charlotte Observer.

Joseph A. Baker, a leading farmer of Marion county, S. C., has recently been missing corn from his barn, which seems to have been extracted through a crack. Tuesday night he set a steel trap in the barn at the place where the corn had been missing.

Killed by Burning Oil.

From the Washington Star.

BROOKINGS, ILL., Jan. 21.—A bad accident is reported at Alton, on the Chicago & Alton road. A passenger train dived into a train of oil cars, wrecking them and setting fire to the wreck.

A Plucky Judge.

From the Washington Star.

Judge Reed, of the Wichita, Kansas district, doesn't stand on ceremony in emergencies. Recently during a trial between a man and his wife for the possession of their child, the man seized the child and was rushing out of the court room.

A Wonderful Boy.

From the Washington Star.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 22.—A negro boy, five or six years old, has written out the negroes of this vicinity by giving mighty exhibitions of his knowledge. He reads books of all languages and reads them correctly.

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A lady in Salisbury is having a rather remarkable experience just now. She has lost her second set of teeth, but the average mortal generally has, but nature is giving her a third set. Three of these new teeth are already through and others are coming.

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