

The Legislature is now getting down to its work quite industrially and interesting discussions are of daily occurrence.

The deep feeling and intense interest in this proposed temperance legislation is forcibly illustrated by these delegations from all parts of the State.

The revenue bill will probably be reported to the House this week and be passed before the rush during the closing days of the session.

A special committee has been appointed to investigate the charges of cruelty to convicts. This will be no "whitewashing" committee, but they will thoroughly investigate these charges.

The Republican candidate for Senator at the special election in the 36th district is at Raleigh, contesting the seat of Senator Griffith, but he will not gain anything thereby.

There are two Senators who have been drunk and absent from their seats nearly all the session. It is strange that such men should be elected.

A bill was passed by a unanimous vote of the Senate to discontinue the kissing of the Bible when taking an oath, and a similar bill was laid on the table in the House.

The House has passed a bill that will deprive boys of some of their fun and noise at Christmas, but will give many from hurts and injuries.

It prohibits the sale of large fire-crackers, toy pistols, &c. Many boys are seriously hurt, and some killed every Christmas by these dangerous toys.

Southerners Against Social Equality.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The Congressional reception at the White House tonight, the third of the big receptions in Washington society and official life, was notable for the reason that there was a conspicuous absence of Southern representatives and senators.

The President had no "colored ladies" as his guests tonight, and late reports only record the presence of one negro. This individual of a very pronounced dark type was more conspicuous than the President.

How the President will justify the presence of a negro at a Congressional reception, since there are no negroes in Congress, remains to be seen.

The New Revenue Bill.

The Observer correspondent this afternoon interviewed Senator London, chairman of the sub-committee of the joint committee on finance, this sub-committee having in charge the preparation of the revenue bill.

The committee have increased the tax on cigarettes to one cent a thousand and hopes to derive a considerable sum from this tax. It has increased the license tax on the whiskey business more than double and is preparing machinery to tax the whiskey itself.

The committee has changed the schedule. A tax on gross sales, as to graduate it and make it fall more lightly on small merchants. This tax has not been repealed. The license tax on have been diminished on a number of vocations, such as dealers in fresh meats, wool, auctioneers, etc.

There has been a very general demand throughout the State for such a change and we thought it but fair to make it. The part of the act relating to the reports from corporations will be put in the machinery act, where they belong with some amendments.

The full committee will of course give hearings to any one who may desire it, as regards the bill.

Believed to Be Bank Robbers.

Lexington, N. C., Feb. 9.—Information was received here today which will doubtless establish the guilt of the parties who burglarized the bank at Mocksville a few days since, and who are thought to have been in Halia at Monroe, Pa. on early on the morning after the bank had been robbed.

Washington Letter.

Washington, Feb. 5, 1903. The Littlefield anti-trust bill, on which the Attorney General and the members of the House Judiciary committee expended so much time, is destined to ignominious death as a pigeon-hole of the Senate committee.

The House bill, popularly known as the "hurry-up" bill, has been enacted. It provides for the expediting of anti-trust cases in the courts and was favorably reported by Senator Fairbanks from the Senate committee on Judiciary.

A compromise on the Statehood bill is confidently expected by the leaders of both factions in the Senate within a day or two. The compromise will either admit the three territories as two States, combining New Mexico and Arizona under the name of the latter, or provide for the immediate admission of Oklahoma and authorize the President to admit the two others by proclamation when they shall have complied with certain prescribed conditions.

Swept by Great Tidal Wave.

San Francisco, Feb. 8.—News of a fatal loss of life in a disaster group which swept over the South Sea Islands last month, reached here today by the steamer Mariposa, direct from Manila. The loss of life is estimated at four persons.

The Venezuelan negotiations continue and with increased prospect of definite settlement on terms satisfactory to the United States. The proposition that 20 per cent of the customs receipts of the ports of Lavaca and Punta Carpio, should go to the Allies and 10 per cent to the other nations, and the entire amount of Venezuela's indebtedness was paid off was promptly rejected by Mr. Brown on the ground that such an arrangement would perpetuate the alliance of Great Britain and Germany against an American nation for not less than six years.

Considerable interest has arisen in political circles from the refusal of the Senate Judiciary committee to stand back of the President's unwarranted deal with "Cassman" Adickes of Delaware. Mr. William Mitchell Bryan, a United States attorney of Delaware, resigned his position at the behest of Adickes and ran for Congress against the anti-Adickes nominee. He was defeated, a Democrat being elected, and Mr. Roosevelt promptly reappointed him Attorney. Now the Judiciary Committee has refused to report his nomination favorably and has thus placed the President in a bad light.

Band of Thieves Arrested.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 7.—Railroad Detective H. V. Scarborough is just rounded up and had handed over to the higher court a band of clever thieves who have been systematically robbing cars of the Atlantic Coast Line here and elsewhere during the past several months. The thieves rendezvoused at Castle Haynes, a station eight miles north of Wilmington, and yesterday a search warrant of the house in which the thieves were living resulted in the recovery of a cart load of dry goods, shoes, hats, clothing, etc., and the evidence to convict Charles Simular and Walter Williams, colored dwellers of the place.

Prof. R. H. Dabney, of the chair of history at the University of Virginia, will shortly begin writing a history of the reconstruction of the South.

Bill to Pension Former Slaves.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Senator Hanna today introduced a bill designed to pension former slaves. Covering a period of many years organizations have periodically been effected to promote such legislation, but for one reason or another every bill introduced carried the seeds of its own destruction. One ex-slave pension scheme was brought to an abrupt end by government authorities who provided that the projectors were resorting to an unlawful use of the United States mail facilities.

The bill, popularly known as the "hurry-up" bill, has been enacted. It provides for the expediting of anti-trust cases in the courts and was favorably reported by Senator Fairbanks from the Senate committee on Judiciary. The conference committee on the bill establishing a department of Commerce and Labor is now holding daily sessions and Senator Nelson hopes to secure the adoption of his amendment providing for certain publicity features as a part of the Bureau of Corporations. The Judiciary bill will doubtless be passed by the House but will receive no consideration in the Senate.

Fighting in the Philippines.

Manila, Feb. 9.—A force of 150 constabulary under Inspector Keittley, yesterday defeated a body of 200 insurgents near Marikina, a small town 50.00 miles from Manila, after a severe engagement, in which Inspector Harris and some constabulary were killed and wounded. The enemy left 15 dead and three wounded. Inspector Harris' home was at Atlanta, Ga. The body of insurgents formed the main force of the irreconcilable General San Miguel. The constabulary were divided into three detachments which were scouting in Marikina on Sunday. The detachment commanded by Inspector Harris came upon the enemy who were in a strongly entrenched position. Inspector Harris fell at the first volley, being hit five times.

The detachment of constabulary, although outnumbered, held its position until Keittley, with the main force arrived, when the enemy were put to rout. Their headquarters were captured and burned and the constabulary seized the records of General San Miguel, who claims that he succeeded to the command of the insurrectionary forces when the other generals surrendered. He has only a handful of men under him and his operations have been of no consequence. The wounded Americans are all severely injured.

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E. L. Uley, who escaped from the Cumberland county jail on Monday night of last week, voluntarily surrendered himself to the authorities on Friday. He says he did this to exonerate the jailer from all blame for his escape.

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