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Among Old Chums. Mrs. Newed—Was I nervous, dear, during the ceremony? Her Friend—Well, a trifle at best, darling, but not after Wil-

Feminine Irony. Gerald—What would you say if I were to kiss you? Geraldine—I don't know, but I can prepare a speech if you think it worth while to wait.—Town Topics.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Governor Russell's message to the State Legislature makes no reference to race troubles. Re- counting the beginning of the war between the United States and Spain, and the President's call for volunteers, he says: "North Carolina has reason to be proud of the record made by her sons in this war so right- fully declared and so quickly brought to a successful conclusion."

The statement of the condition of the University sent herewith is one made to the Governor by the president of that institution in an informal way. The report in full of the University will be made to the General Assembly at a later day. It is a matter of profound gratitude that the University has now the largest attendance upon its classes that it has ever had in its long and useful history.

your attention is called to the recommendations therein contained. These recommendations are made by experts in these matters and things to which they relate, and will be more valuable in informing and directing the legislation than anything that might be advised by non experts.

It is to be hoped that the Legislature through its committees, will make a careful study of the accompanying reports of the boards of these hospitals, with view of providing operating rooms and facilities among the very first in all the country. In the battle of Santiago it was North Carolina that gave up one of the bravest and best in all the land when Lieut. Wm. E. Shipp was stricken down. He was recognized in the army and throughout the country, as an officer of exceptional merit.

REFORMATORIES RECOMMENDED. The most enlightened statesmanship, the dictates of common humanity and the teachings of Christianity, unite to urge upon the law-makers of this State to establish one or more reformatories for the care and reformation of young criminals. To send a youth to the State's Prison, and compel him to be, for months and years in confinement with hardened and confirmed criminals, is to make it sure that he will receive an education in crime, and be turned out upon society a desperado.

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WORK OF THE SOLONS.

A Democratic Legislature is Transacting Business in a Hurry.

WEDNESDAY JAN. 4TH. The General Assembly of 1899 met to day at noon and was organized by the election of the following officers.

House—Speaker, H. G. Connor, Wilson; Principal Clerk, Brevard Nixon, Mecklenburg; Doorkeeper, W. R. Stallcup, Macon; Assistant Doorkeeper, Thos. J. Wood, Randolph; Reading Clerk, W. W. Willson, Wake; Engraving Clerk, S. S. Elmore, Swain.

Senate—Principal Clerk, C. C. Daniels, Wilson; Reading Clerk, Walter Murphy, Rowan; Engraving Clerk, Frank A. Clinard, Catawba; Enrolling Clerk, E. B. Norvell, Cherokee; Doorkeeper, J. B. Smith, Comberland; Assistant Doorkeeper, M. W. White.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION. In the month of September, 1897, two of the railroad commissioners were suspended, and two other qualified persons appointed in their stead, under the authority of law vesting this power in the Governor, by the Railroad Commission Act of 1891.

THE UNIVERSITY. An attempt has been made by the Railroad Commission to make a material reduction in telegraph rates. The Western Union Telegraph Company has resisted this reduction against one of the greatest railroad systems of the State in the matter of passenger rates.

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Leak, of Anson; bill to repeal the act of 1897, giving to medical colleges the bodies of persons who die paupers, by Hampton. A bill that caused much amusement was one introduced by Mr. Davis, of Haywood, providing for the repeal of all the public laws passed by the last Legislature.

A bill to abolish the office of cotton weigher at Dunn, introduced by Mr. McLean, of Harnett, was put upon its several readings and passed and sent to the Senate without engrossing. A bill introduced by Mr. Winston, repealing Chapter 52, Public Laws, 1897, and creating the office of enrolling clerk, was also passed on its several readings and sent to the Senate without engrossing.

A message from the Senate announcing that S. B. No. 1, an act reducing pay of the employees in the Senate from \$5 to \$4 a day, had been passed by that body and sent to the House for concurrence.

Mr. Winston moved that the bill be put upon immediate passage on its several readings. On the third reading Mr. Oliver, of Robeson called for the yeas and nays, 113, yeas 7. All those who voted in the negative were Republicans.

By Senator Brown, an act to appoint a committee to investigate the management of the State Penitentiary. The rules were suspended and the bill passed its third reading.

Senator Butler offered an amendment to the effect that all persons summoned by the committee empowered to investigate should be punished for contempt if they refused to testify. The amendment was adopted. The chair ordered that the bill be sent to the House without engrossing.

By Senator Travis: A bill relating to the live stock law of Halifax county, which was also ordered to be sent to the House without engrossment.

A resolution was introduced by Mr. Glenn to appoint a joint committee to investigate laws passed in 1895 and 1897, and to make such recommendations as are necessary. He thought that many good remedial measures had been adopted by the House, and believed that out of much bad in the past good might come.

A bill to incorporate the Citizens' Bank of Elizabeth City. A bill to amend the charter of Elizabeth City. A bill to allow contingent remainders to be sold. A bill to remove the disabilities of married women.

HOUSE COMMITTEES. The following committees were appointed in the House: Rules—Overman, Craig, Stubbs and Moore. Privileges and Elections—Winston, Leatherwood, White, of Halifax, Bryan of Granville, Carr, Whitfield, Pette, Pritchard and Hampton.

Both these committees met this afternoon. The Committee on Rules adopted the rules of 1893, with the addition of a Committee on Appropriations, to whom all bills appropriating money must be referred. There has never before been such a committee in the North Carolina Legislature.

THE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS investigated the contest of John E. W. Sugg, Democrat, of Greene county against B. F. Mitchell, and unanimously decided to seat Sugg. The recount showed him elected by 27 majority. The Penitentiary Board is now in session here. They have adopted a resolution setting forth that they will aid the Legislature in any manner possible in its investigation of the condition of the institution.

Among important bills introduced in the House to-day was an act to amend the Constitution of North Carolina in regard to suffrage, by Francis D. Winston, of Bertie. The bill is modelled on the Louisiana law on this subject. By Justice, of McDowell, bill to increase the number of judicial districts. By Bryan, (Pop.), of Madison, to allow the people to elect school committeemen.

By Reinhart, of Lincoln, to repeal an act providing for special school tax elections; also, to have white committeemen for white schools and negroes for negro schools. By Moore, of Jackson, to repeal the law giving certain dead bodies to medical colleges. Passed. By Hoey, of Cleveland, to abolish the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Treasurer and Secretary of State's offices passed, without reference to committee. Of half a dozen bills passed, all local in character, the most important were: To repeal Halifax and Edgecombe stock law; to authorize appointment of a commission of navigation for Beaufort harbor; repeal law in regard to collection of taxes in Chatham county; commissioners increased from three to five.

IN THE SENATE. Among the bills introduced in the Senate the most important were: Senator Ward: to provide for the appointment of Commissioners in Washington county. Senator Justice: To repeal Chapter 316 of the Penal Acts of 1895.

Senator Wilson: to appoint a joint committee to investigate the affairs of the Agricultural Department, the State Charitable Institutions and the State Treasurer's office; to increase the number of commissioners of Craven county. Senator Stanback: To amend Chapter 81 of the public laws of 1897, regulating the sale of seed cotton.

Senator Fields introduced additional evidence in the contest from the thirty-first district. Senator Wilson: To repeal section 1906 of the Code. Senator Fields: To repeal the tax on inheritances.

The bill to change the time of holding the Spring term of Nash criminal court from the fourth Monday in January to the fifth Monday before the first Monday in March, passed third reading. Bill to authorize Reidsville to issue \$25,000 of six per cent. bonds to establish water works, passed second reading.

What a Whopper! Seven years ago a farmer living west of Webster City, Iowa, hung his vest on the fence in the barnyard. A calf chewed up a pocket in the garment in which was a standard gold watch. Last week the animal, a staid old milk cow, was butchered for beef, and the time-piece was found in such a position between the lungs of the cow and the process of respiration, the closing in and filling the lungs, kept the stem winder wound up, and the watch had lost but four minutes in the seven years.—Chicago Ledger.

Almost an Insinuation. The Girl—I want a hat that will go well with my face. The Milliner—I'm sorry, miss, but we haven't any pointed ones.—Yonkers Statesman.

Letting Himself Down Easy. "I think my old overcoat will do till Christmas." "Yes; and after Christmas you won't get one because it will be so near spring."—Chicago Record.

Robbed the Grave. A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three Physicians had given me up. Fortunately a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50c. a bottle at Hood Bros. Drug Store.