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It does seem that the majority of the bills that have been introduced at the present Legislature is one to draw on the State Treasury. Is it possible we have a crowd of spendthrifts down there who have a natural propensity for spending, not only their own, but other people's money? That bill that has been introduced to appropriate five thousand dollars for the erection of a monument to Gen. Matt. W. Ransom, is one among many that would be very unjust. Not that we have anything to say that would reflect in the least on the name or character of that great soldier and statesman, but we do contend that it would be very unjust to tax the people, many of whom are poor and earn their daily bread by toil, to erect a monument to a wealthy man who left a very handsome fortune. No, this is not right when our schools, State institutions, etc., are begging and suffering for aid. Help the schools make ample provisions for all the insane of the State; give us a reformatory for youthful criminals, and then spend the remainder, if any there be, to the erection of monuments, etc., but not until all these wants have been supplied should there be one cent appropriated for such purposes.

The most important bill, in our opinion, that has been introduced in the present Legislature, is one in regard to children working in manufacturing establishments. Introduced by Mr. Cunningham, of Person county. The bill provides that no male child under 12 years of age, and no female child under 14 years of age shall work in any manufacturing establishment after April 1, 1905. Another interesting bill is one introduced by Representative Wright, of Rowan, providing that telegraph companies doing business in the State shall transmit and deliver to the addressee or sender all messages for which it has accepted pay, or had payment guaranteed by the sender, and upon failure to promptly transmit or deliver same it shall be liable to a penalty to the addressee of \$200.00 and to the sender \$100.00, recoverable in an action in the court of a justice of the peace. These are good bills and should pass.

Gov. Aycock's glowing administration has closed. He has made a record that but few chief magistrates ever make and he can retire to his home with the satisfaction of a duty well done. Every citizen of N. C. let him be Democrat or Republican who is fair minded enough to lay party prejudice aside will ever and always heap praises upon him for his untiring efforts to promote the best interests of our beloved State in such an able manner. Ex Gov. Aycock has made a deep and lasting impression upon the minds of our people that will but and blossom to his memory in future years to come.

The anti-jug law is now being cussed and discussed before the Legislature. The Watts Law, as it now stands, is a dismal failure, (or rather the enforcement of it) and if it cannot and will not be enforced by the authorities, it would be far better for the people of Watauga were it wiped from the statute books forever. Of course there are some good phases about the law and the officers should in some way be compelled to enforce it. Distilleries and blind tigers have been running right under some of their noses ever since the law came into effect, and yet they have not raised a hand to molest them. Whiskey was never more plentiful in this section than it has been under the Watts law. Where is the wrong? Gentlemen of the Legislature, locate the wrong and right it; have the law enforced or repeal it. That is the doctrine.

Much is being said in regard to the overplus of employes in the House. What they want with so many "mutton heads" hanging around in the way is more than we can see, not saying anything about the extra expense. But of course all the pets possible must have a whack at the pie. It is time to put on the brakes in using the people's money in such a worthless manner. And it is the duty of the officers of the House to attend to this at once and send some of those fellows home where they belong for they might be of some use there preparing for another crop for which they are better suited.

A man in Yadkin county by the name of Lee Ball was shot and killed at his home on the night of the 12. About 9 o'clock in the night 4 men came to Ball's door and battered it down and shot him twice with a shot gun. No cause for the deed known more than a drunken spree.

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Is it possible that a man has been sent to the Legislature to represent an intelligent constituency who has no more sense than to believe that families live in the Capitol building, and that the State keeps a bar room for the benefit of the members? And yet it seems that this is the existing circumstances, if a recent Raleigh dispatch is to be believed. Such a man hasn't sense enough to ram sand in a craw fish hole, much less to make laws. The people who sent him there are to be pitied.

It is hoped that State Treasurer Lacy will meet with the same cool comfort from this legislature that he did with the last in regard to being reimbursed for \$374.84, the amount Maj. W. H. Martin "swiped" while assisting him. It will be remembered that Treasurer Worth parted with a much larger sum in the same way and he has never asked to be reimbursed. Now the thing to do, is to let Mr. Lacy "go away back and sit down."

Maine and New Hampshire pay their Governors \$2,000 each while the rich little state of Vermont only thinks her governor worth \$1,500 and yet some discord is being raised over our Governor's salary. We contend that \$4,000 is a plenty and there is no scarcity of men that would be glad to fill the place at that. We trust the Legislature will give us a rest on salary raising and take something up that is more important.

The Russian government has decided that prestige abroad as well as the situation at home, makes the continuation of the war essential until peace with dignity can be attained. However, confusion seems to prevail in regard to developing the interior situation immediately. The Russians are surrounded by embarrassing circumstances, and they might not find the place where they could slide out in a very dignified manner.

W. A. Blair of Winston has been appointed a member of the United States Assay Commission. The U. S. Assay Commission is composed of ten financiers from various parts of the country to look after the mints to vote their condition and see that as acts are as they should be. Mr. Blair is the first North Carolinian ever appointed to this position.

We note from the Statesville Landmark that J. C. Summers & Co., wholesale liquor dealers, who did business in Statesville for years, but are now doing business in Salisbury, have brought suit against the Richmond Distilling Co., of Columbia, S. C., for \$20,000 for using their trade mark, "Poplar Log" in the sale and manufacture of whiskey.

The Japanese will open the doors of all Manchuria, now under her control, to the trade of the world. This is a good thing, and will raise Japan to a greater height in the estimation of this country than ever before, as Russia had tried to seal this country up from Japan and other countries regardless of the treaty obligations to keep an open door.

BANK STATEMENT.

Following is a statement of the condition of the Merchants and Traders Bank at Mountain City, Tenn., at the close of business on Dec. 31st, 1904:

Table with 2 columns: ASSETS and LIABILITIES. Assets include Loans and Discounts, Office Furniture, Expenses Paid, Cash in Vault and due from Banks. Liabilities include Capital Stock, Surplus and Undivided Profits, Deposits.

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The largest contract ever placed in N. C. has been awarded to D. A. Gillespie & Co. large contractors of New York City, to build a large dam and canal at the "narrows of the Yadkin river near Salisbury for the Whitney Reduction Company of N. Y. It will take two years to complete the job. The Whitney company will then be in shape to furnish ample electric power to all towns and cities within a radius of eighty miles of that place.

On last Thursday George P. Overton of Ashe county died at the Soldiers home in Raleigh of lung trouble. He was 64 years old and served in Co. G 47th North Carolina regiment. He had been an inmate of the home for three years.

A prominent farmer of Surry county by the name of Inman was found dead the other day with one hand on a jug. It seems that he had been to the still house where he got the jug filled and died before he reached home from an overdose of the poison.

A sugar laden steamer from Havana bound for New York struck fire Island bar in a dense fog on the 12th, and remains stuck fast. Doubtless sugar will take a rise "if the boat never lands."

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