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directors, one from each judicial district, who will elect three persons to manage the penitentiary and abolish the superintendent's office. The penitentiary will be made a corporation. The bill will pass tomorrow.

LIVELY SESSION OF THE HOUSE Special to the Gazette.

Raleigh, Jan. 24 .- The house ran as smoothly as a big machine today. It passed the Craig foreign corporation pill almost unanimously, it demolished the Fayetteville dispensary (running over the committee's report as it offen does), and silently and without effort, as becomes a great engine, ut crushed the life out of the republican election laws of 1895 and 1897. Many members don't yet know that 5t has been done, o effect was the doing.

Mr. Bonshall introduced another bill relating to a uniform commercial law. This bill is a certification and classification of the laws now in use in many states and largely in this state.

Mr. Willard, of New Hanover, introduced a bill regulating the insurance business in the state. The bill creates the department of insurance and provides for the office of superintendent of insurance. All insurance moneys nust be paid in the state treasury. Mr. Fleming, of Clay, introduced a bill to repeal chapter 361, laws of 1897, which establishes a graded school at Haysville, Clay county, and makes E. H. Alkison, G. M. Fleming, W. H. Mc-Clure, J. B. Mease, .G. W. Sanderson, M. R. Kinsey and R. L. Herbert trustees.

Mr. Williams, of Graham, introduced a bill to amend chapter 57, laws of 1897, the "public drunkenness act," by adding Graham county.

Mr. Craig introduced a bill to codify all the public laws about which there has been so much talk for years. It provides for three commissioners to be elected by the general assembly who shall "collate, revise and digest, collect

and reduce into one statute" the laws and marginal notes. The commission-

ers shall follow as nearly as may be the plan provided by the act of 1851-52. The compensation of the commissioners shall be \$2,000 each, and \$750 allowance is provided for a clerk.

Mr. Craig , also introduced a bill to amend section 1,247 of the code by re-

decreased the sale of Hquor. In the dounty he saw no difference when the dispensary law was created, but that in the towns the dispensary had an influence for good.

Clarkson, of Mecklenburg, spoke in favor of the dispensary. He said that it appeared to him that a majority of the white people of Cumberland favored the dispensary as it is now conduct-

White, of Halifax, offered an amendment striking out the provision submitting the question to a vote of the people. The bill as amended then passed the second and the third readings. The bill to amend the charter of Salisbury passed its final readings and went to the senate for ratification. Mr. Craig's bill making foreign corporation domestic corporations under the laws of the state and requiring all

such corporations to take out licenses and file their papers of incorporation with the secretary of state was made a special order of business. Mr. Craig addressed the house in support of the bill, which he stated that he had introduced in accordance with a provision of the democratic state platform. Every corporation doing business in the state should become a legal corporation in this state, Mr. Craig contended.



Washington, Jan. 24.-The open session of the senate today was largely devoted to speches on expansion. Senator Lodge made an able argu-

ment for the peace treaty and Senator Teller spoke in favor of holding the Philippines. Senator Clay, of Georgia, argued that

nothing should stand in the way of the prompt ratification of the treaty and & We Sell the Finest

behind closed doors.

At the conclusion of the discussion Senatore Gorman and Vest jointly demanded of Chairman Davis that he permit a vote on the treaty to be taken but Senator Davis declined the invitation, saying that he had not yet sub-

mitted the question to his committee but would do so tomorrow and when but would do so tomorrow and that when the treaty next came before the,

senate he would possibly be in a position to consider the request.

Senator, Berry, when the executive session opened, made an excellent plea for an open session to order that the opponents of the treaty could reply to such argument as Senator Lodge had made this afternoon.

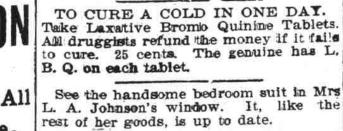
He lectured the senators for permitting the executive session secrets to become public property, citing an elaborate report in the morning papers of the Sampson-Schley discussion as an example. Senator Berry soon tired

of trying to convince the senate and withdrew his resolution for an open session. Senators Frye and Teller made the chief speeches against an open session. Frye claimed that the great

reason against it was the discussion of Germany's attitude at Manila.

GEORGIA STATUE UNVEILING.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 24.-General Boynton, in charge of Chickamauga national cemetery, has given notice that a monument to Georgia's dead will be unveiled the first week -in May.



THE ASHEVILLE LUNCH COUNTER FOR SALE. Can be 300-6t Very At 28 1-2 South Main 'street. bought reasonable.

Ladies' Starp Seamless Slippers. 1 per cent.-of cost. All sizes. G. A. Mears and Sons.

Full Dress Coats and Vests, also Tuxedo, for rent. Men's Outfitter, 11 Patton Ave.

We find upon examination that the calls attention to the fact that the total bonded indebtedness of the city of United States has a large number of Asheville is \$782,500; that the average troops and ships in the Philippines; time which these bonds have to run is ten years; that \$452,590 of these bonds that more ships and troops are being bear interest at five percent. (5 percent.) sent there, and asks if America deper annum, payable semi annually that \$330,000 of these bonds bear interest at signs war on the Philippine islands six (6 percent.) percent., payable semi He meferred to the "alleged" claim of annually; that the floating indebtedness of the city at the present time is \$250,000 Spain to the islands which had been that if the city can refund its bonded

for the period of ten years, making a to

We therefore recommend that the Leg

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pared and submitted to the citizens of

Asheville for endorsement and forward

Some discussion followed the pro-

posed amendment but there was no

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agreed that the scheme was practical

and would be beneficial and economi-

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The next question was that of abol-

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turned over to the United States ad indebtedness with new bonds bearing in terest at four per cent per annum it will inquires: save to the taxpayers annually \$11,125 "Are my government and people to

be left to suppose that it is because of some desire on the part of the American government to enforce against its the qualified voters at the next election Tate associate this exploded claim that a proposition to save \$800,000 in four per cent. bonds, payable in thirty years, in terest to be paid semi annually, and in terest and principal payable in coin. And that a bill embodying the ideas be pre the United States is massing its forces at the late capital of the Philippine isl-

abds?" The state department will take no official notice of the communication.



Thirty Thousand Strong and Has Fifty Maxim Guns.

Manila, Jan. 24.-Thirty thousand Filipinos with nearly fifty Maxim guns are at Malolos.

The Filipino commanders are convinced that the Americans will be unable to work effectively outside of Maon property for street improvements, and nila.

BROOKE OPPOSES SPANISH BANK

Washington, Jan. 24 .- The cabinet today discussed the advisability of revoking the concession to the Spanish bank of Cuba to collect the taxes but reached no conclusion.

General Brooke's protest was consid-

In it General Brooke said the Cubans looked upon the bank as an institution of oppression and that he was led to object against permitting the bank to collect the taxes because of the bad effect it had on the people.

