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ONE of the first results of the passage of the bill to provide for a standing army of 100,000 men is the announcement that the Military Appropriation bill, which will be reported to the House next week, will carry \$90,000,000. Imperialism comes high.

THE hundreds of northern settlers at Southern Pines have issued two letters of interest—one to their friends, manufacturers and business men at the North, and one to business men in the South, asking those to meet together at Southern Pines April 15th for the purpose of discussing investments in the South.

GREAT excitement exists on the mining stock exchange at Colorado Springs over a fabulous rise in the price of the Isabella Mine, at Cripple Creek. Assays from the strike run from \$40,000 to \$100,000 to the ton. The stock jumped from 97 3/4 to \$150 per share. Over 100,000 shares changed hands. Six weeks ago the stock sold at 22 cents.

We fully endorse the following from The News-Observer:

The danger to the Democratic party does not lie in general legislation. That will be given much deliberation and when enacted will embody the highest wisdom of the party. The danger is in local legislation such as the stock law, local option, dispensary and other such matters upon which there is wide difference of opinion in the party's ranks. If we could postpone such legislation until after the constitutional amendment is adopted, it would be wise in most instances.

THE Southern Bell Telephone Company proposes to cover North Carolina with a long distance telephone service.

The Bell Company, as soon as possible, will construct a circuit through North Carolina from Mt. Airy to Beaufort, another from Norfolk by Rocky Mount, Selma and Fayetteville, connecting with the Wilmington line at Pembroke for Charlotte and Wilmington and other points. A line will also be built through western North Carolina from Charlotte to Statesville and Asheville.

We hope that Weldon will be included in the circuit.

A bill has been introduced in the General Assembly to amend the charter of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company and authorize it to consolidate with the Seaboard Air Line, the effect of which will be to consolidate all these roads and domesticate them as one corporation under the charter of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company.

The rights of minority stockholders seem to be fully protected by requiring the payment to them, if they do not desire to go into the new arrangement, of the full value of their stock.

Thus, the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company is to be made the one corporation, all others to be merged into it.

THE bill to reorganize and increase the standing army to about 100,000 men, but giving the President authority to reduce the size of infantry companies and cavalry troops to sixty men each, thus fixing a minimum of about 50,000 enlisted men, passed the House last week by a vote of 168 to 125. This was the result of a week of hard and often picturesque fighting on the floor during the progress of which the opposition compelled those in charge of the measure to give this discretionary authority to the President, and to make other modifications, among which were a reduction of 331 in the number of staff officers. In consequence of these modifications the Republican opposition practically vanished, and on the final vote but six Republicans voted against the bill.

An Honest Medicine for La Grippe. George W. Wait, of South Gardner, Me., says: "I have had the worst cough, cold, chills and grip and have taken lots of trash of no account but profit to the vendor. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the only thing that has done any good whatever. I have used only 50 cent bottle and the chills, cold and grip have all left me. I congratulate the manufacturer of an honest medicine."

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THAT entailed beef appears to be a fine article of meat for making stews.

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CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Beware of cheap imitations.

WAR was renewed at Manila last Saturday evening, insurgents making attack and firing upon outposts all around the city. The Filipino attack on Manila was repulsed with terrible punishment. The scene presented in the environs of the city as the sun went down Sunday evening was one of terrible desolation. In the fighting the Filipinos had been utterly routed with fearful slaughter. From the best information, their losses are estimated at 4,000, which estimate is not believed excessive. The natives were wholly unprepared for the terrible punishment inflicted at the very outset. Our troops suffered more than at first reported, upwards of forty having been killed and 150 wounded. There were 13,000 Americans engaged, while the Filipinos numbered 20,000. The Filipino army is one-third increased and the other two-thirds re-trained for wide operations. Aguinaldo, the leader of the insurgents, issues a proclamation declaring the Americans blame for the collision. Our men now have the situation in the main under control.

A special from Columbia S. C., says William J. Jackson, a private of Company M, Two Hundred and First New York, in camp at Greenville, owing to his use of liquor has got himself into trouble that will doubtless take many lawyers to unravel. Last Thursday night Jackson got on a first-class spree and would up by taking a young negro woman, Mattie Earle, before a negro preacher and marrying her.

Friday the young man sobered up enough to realize the disgraceful mess into which he had gotten himself, and came before a magistrate and told what he had done. He concluded by asking the magistrate for a divorce. When the reply came that there was no such thing as a divorce in this State, but that the law was very strict as to miscegenation, the man seemed paralyzed. The authorities arrested him, and he is now being held to answer for violation of the miscegenation laws. It is now a question whether the law being so stringent in regard to miscegenation, the marriage can be considered legal.

PENITENTIARY DIRECTORS. The Legislature on joint ballot elected the following directors for the State penitentiary, one from each of the twelve judicial districts:

- First District—Hon. H. Thompson, of Beaufort.
Second District—Edward L. Travis, of Halifax.
Third District—Robert H. Riess, of Nash.
Fourth District—Jos. W. Perry, of Johnston.
Fifth District—Wm. H. Osborne, of Guilford.
Sixth District—James C. Davis, of Currit.
Seventh District—James T. LeGrand, of Richmond.
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Ninth District—John L. Gwatney, of Alexander.
Tenth District—Marion E. Morphew, of McDowell.
Eleventh District—J. H. Weddington, of Mecklenburg.
Twelfth District—Samuel L. Rodgers, of Macon.
Directors—Ar. Large—M. L. Bryan, of Madison; W. C. Nowland, of Caldwell; and T. B. Crowder, of Wake.

NORTH STATE CULLINGS. News Notes as Called from Our State Exchanges:

Dr. George A. Foote, a leading physician of Warrenton, died at his home there on the 25th of January, of Bright's disease, aged 64 years.

John T. Patrick, chief industrial agent of the Seaboard Air Line, says there are twice as many northern people at Southern Pines and Danburst as ever before.

At a very large meeting of Fayetteville merchants, manufacturers and business men a resolution was adopted against continuing the dispensary without a popular vote.

In Nash county negro white caps nearly murdered Solomon Huleman, a good negro, on night last week, firing six shots at him, two taking effect and dangerously wounding him.

At Darboro, Judge Bryan denied the Carleberry case, where the mother sued the father for the possession of their children, in favor of the father. The mother appealed to Supreme court.

Mr. George A. Baker, a traveling salesman of Lexington, committed suicide at Columbus, S. C., on the 25th of January. He leaves a wife and five children at their home in Lexington.

At Wilmington, in the Superior court, the jury awarded \$2,000 damages to J. R. Tyner against the Carolina Coopersage company for injury received in 1897 while operating one of its saws.

The Legislature At Work.

BILLS INTRODUCED

AND ACTED UPON—A CONDENSED REPORT OF ONE WEEK'S DOINGS.

SENATE.

TUESDAY, JAN. 31.—The following bills were introduced:

To establish a dispensary at Smithfield.

To prevent commission merchants from charging commission on goods purchased by themselves.

Bill to amend, codify and consolidate the insanity laws of the State came up at 12 o'clock, having been set as the special order for that time. The bill was read by the clerk with the understanding that all sections not deemed to or questioned should be considered as passed.

Senator Travis objected to the provision that drunks should be cared for by the State in a hospital for the insane. There was considerable discussion over a section which provides that priority of admission shall be given to the indigent insane, and that the board of directors may regulate admission, having in view the durability of patients and welfare of the institution. This section was also allowed to stand.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1.—Nearly two hours spent in consideration of the asylum bill, but it was not completed. That part of Section 49, which provides that any person may be committed to an asylum voluntarily, and which caused so much discussion yesterday, was struck out. It is held necessary to obtain an inebriate with the formalities attendant upon the confinement of the insane. This section also provides that if the inebriate and board of directors shall be of opinion that a longer confinement—(twelve months being the maximum and three months the shortest period for inebriates)—is necessary or advantageous, they may detain an inebriate for a longer period, not to exceed in any case six months.

The following bills were introduced: To amend Section 147, Laws of 1895, in regard to registration of deeds. To abolish county boards of education.

To give two additional county commissioners to Northampton county. To give additional justices of the peace in Northampton county.

THURSDAY, FEB. 2.—Considerable time was again devoted to consideration of the bill to amend, consolidate and codify the insane laws of the State. The following bills were introduced: To abolish tax collectors in Nash county.

To define fees of clerks and justices of peace for issuing process. To amend Chapter 342 of the Code, allowing clerks to issue restraining orders.

TO amend Section 1308 of the Code, relative to the drainage of lowlands. To amend Chapter 399, Laws of 1891, allowing directors of the Deaf and Dumb school at Margaret to elect officers in case of vacancy, provided not more than one director shall come from one county.

TO domesticate foreign corporations—this is Craig's bill and it passed unanimously.

FRIDAY, FEB. 3.—The Senate met at 10 o'clock. Bills were introduced as follows: For justices of peace in Washington county.

To provide for safety of travellers and employees on railroads. Bill passed as follows: To establish dispensary at Jackson, Northampton county.

To remove disabilities of married women. For relief of sheriff and tax collectors allowing them to collect taxes for 1895, 1896 and 1897. The bill to establish a state veterinary experiment station was tabled.

Senator Winston's bill making rehabilitation between whites and blacks a felony was reported, placed on the calendar. SATURDAY, FEB. 4.—The following bills were introduced in the Senate: To increase the permanent school fund of the State.

To amend the charter of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company. To regulate the sale of automobiles. Mr. Winston introduced an important measure relating to the formation of a company to develop and utilize the water power on Roanoke river, especially in the counties of Warren, Northampton and Halifax. The power is to be used for manufacturing purposes, and generation of mile and horsepower, and for generating and applying electricity. It is proposed to sell and lease to individuals and corporations electricity, motor and light power.

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Among the bills passed during session of the calendar were: To allow Jones county to sell its present county home and buy another. To give telephone companies the same rights as telegraph companies.

To allow funds to be paid to public children without guardians by clerks of court, to the amount of \$20. The House Committee on Education today denied to report a bill for the establishment of the Vance textile school as a department of the A. and M. College. The bill calls for an appropriation of \$10,000 for the building. Mill men agree to furnish the machinery.

MONDAY, FEB. 6.—Parties and new bills introduced in the House today showed a decided falling of the number. Only four parties were presented and nineteen new bills were introduced. Among the new bills introduced was one to allow the owners of deeds to list them at the sheriff's office for taxation, at any time, and thus make them property.

A bill of great importance was that by Council of Warrenton, to provide for partition of land where there are intervening estates.

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By Mr. Ransom, to improve the state escheatment grounds at Wrightsville. By Mr. Justice, to require purchasers of railroads sold under judicial sale to organize new corporations.

The bill passed to amend the law as to limited partnerships. The resolution for the removal of the arsenal from the capital square was adopted.

Mr. Ransom's bill regarding taxation of bank stock provides that stock holders of every bank located in this State or national, shall be assessed and taxed on value of shares therein in county, town, precinct, village or city where such bank or banking association is located and not elsewhere, whether such stockholder resides in such place or not.

SATURDAY, FEB. 4.—The House Judiciary Committee this afternoon adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That W. L. Norwood, Judge of the Twelfth Judicial district, is liable to impeachment if he has committed any act that may justify it. This resolution was adopted by a vote of 12 to 6, after three days' discussion of the question.

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To require conductors on railways to give passengers a check for the amount of fare they pay in excess of the regular rate of ticket.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Mrs. S. A. Meilin, deceased, this notice is given to all persons holding claims against and estate in relation to the first day of February, 1899, or before that date, to present them for settlement. All persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment to me. This notice is given to Mrs. S. A. Meilin, deceased.

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