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The President of the Republic of France, M. Felix Faure, died in Paris, Thursday morning, of apoplexy. He was sick only three hours.

There is found for thought in the following from the Wilmington Messenger: "The tax on small libraries is wrong. The legislature that passes a tax on them is putting an embargo on learning. What would you say of a legislature that would tax a poor man's little collection of books and would fail to tax carnivorous dogs that eat their heads off every month and despoiled and destroyed \$50 worth of sheep?"

The bill introduced by Mr. White, of Halifax county, in the Legislature, imposing a graduated tax on the gross earnings of railroads has been voted on by the Finance committee and the committee voted unanimously to impose a graduated tax of from one-eighth to one per cent on gross earnings of railroads. The committee estimates that the tax will yield an annual revenue of \$70,000. The tax would have been higher, but for the fact that the separate car bill is now pending, and is expected to become a law, thereby entailing extra expenditures on the part of railroads.

A New York man who had the grip for four years in succession escaped it this year because he says he kept his feet dry, and now feels sure that the disease is contracted through the feet. And right on top of this another man comes along and says he has had the grip for five years in succession, and wears two wooden legs. This is another evidence that grip does not attack every one from the same point when it wants to take a good hold and shake you up. It may grab the feet, but it generally seizes the head and thumps it to its hearts content.

The Chicago News finds several reasons for liking very cold weather. Among them is the fact that you can do as you please. "Nobody," says the News, "wears you out cooling drinks or overcoats, or wears a damp handkerchief in your hat and to keep on the shady side of the street and move slowly. Above all, nobody seeks to interfere with your privilege to worry."

"This is why very cold weather is much more healthful than very warm weather—you are not required to think of your health, and one's health is usually all right until one gets to thinking about it. One thinks more of his home when it is very cold, and of art and music. And as cold weather promotes the domestic virtues it is probably more economical than warm weather, coal being in the end a very cheap alternative to some of the comforts of dog days."

Those people who have been complaining about zero weather and the great snow storm, may gain some consolation from the thought that it is only about 30 months to June apple time and that in four months from now we will be celebrating the 4th of July.

If we never had any touches of arctic weather we would never be able to enjoy the temperate. And if the past storm brought about temporary shivering, it brought comfort, at least, to wood and coal dealers.

Then, too, it is claimed that snow is good for cereal and root crops, and that the year which follows is never one of famine. As many of our farmers have ventured into what this year they will see some signs in the snow.

Hence, taking all things together, we can be thankful that it is only once in a life time that North Carolina experiences such a blizzard as is common to the north west. We live in a delightful climate and although for the first week we have been wrapped in snow, we can still be thankful that such visitations are few and far between and that this generation may never see such another snow storm. Forty-two years ago there was a similar snow storm. The men and women of today were prattling infants then. If a like period of time intervenes between the present snow and the next big snow, the majority of us need not pass any sleepless nights about it.

George W. Wain 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 one 50 cent bottle and the chills, cold and grip have all left me. I congratulate the manufacturers of an honest medicine."

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The Legislature At Work.

BILLS INTRODUCED

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

SENATE.

MONDAY, FEB. 13.—In the Senate bills were passed:

To levy a special tax on Alleghany county.

To appoint additional commissioners to regulate commissions of commission merchants.

To increase the number of commissioners for New Hanover.

At 12:40 a message was announced from the House. It was borne by Representatives Craig, Allen and Foushee. As they came forward the Senate solemnly rose, and Lieutenant Governor Reynolds said: "All persons are commanded to keep silent, under pain of imprisonment, while the House of Representatives presents articles of impeachment, against Judge W. L. Norwood, for high crimes and misdemeanors in office."

On motion of Senator Osborne, the Senate delayed discussion or action in this case until 11 o'clock tomorrow, that hour being fixed for the special order of business.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14.—Bills introduced: To authorize and regulate action to test possession or control of State's prison. This bill was placed up on immediate passage, and passed third reading, as did another new bill which provides that the State Treasurer shall pay per diem and mileage of the newly appointed directors of the State's prison.

To incorporate the North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association.

The impeachment proceedings against Judge Norwood ended today by the announcement that his resignation had been forwarded. This was a distinct relief to the Senate, which was loath to proceed to extreme measures.

The most sensational event of the whole session was the introduction in the House this morning of a resolution to impeach Judge Geo. H. Brown for drunkenness. The resolution charged that at a reception given to members of the Assembly and their friends by the Capital Club of Raleigh, Judge Brown had become intoxicated. A long list of witnesses was appended, Lieutenant Governor Reynolds and many Senators and Representatives being among them. When the matter came up before the committee this afternoon the witnesses all testified that he was sober on the occasion mentioned. Representative White, who offered the resolution, was permitted to withdraw it. Judge Brown is considered one of the ablest and purest men who has sat upon the bench of this State in recent years.

The Democrats discussed to-night on court districts and State libration. M. O. Sherrill, a one-legged Confederate veteran, was elected State Librarian.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15.—The following bills were introduced in the Senate:

To require railroads to give better transportation to track companies.

The chair announced that the time had arrived for the special order—the Norwood impeachment. Senator Osborne stated that there was delay in mail service between here and Judge Norwood's home, and he asked that the Senate delay their proceedings till Norwood could be heard from. This request, on motion, was granted, and to-morrow morning fixed for the time of hearing.

The circular was taken up and bills as follows passed: To restore white government to Washington county by appointing additional commissioners. To amend Chapter 284, Laws of 1896, allowing the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Co. to consolidate with the Atlantic Coast Line and other roads.

To amend Chapter 311, Private Laws of 1895.

To report the Supreme court to file a written opinion on all assignments of error, decisions or judgments rendered by said court.

The bill to appropriate \$16,000 for the State Guard is the special order for Friday.

THURSDAY, FEB. 16.—The following bills were introduced in the Senate:

To appoint a State educational and text book association.

To authorize constables to appoint deputies.

The calendar was taken up and bills passed:

To restore white government to counties of the State.

To allow Wilmington & Weldon railroad to consolidate with the Atlantic Coast Line.

To amend Section 435 of the Code, by allowing judges to sit in circuit courts in judgment of Superior courts, when it is rendered in the same case.

Senator Osborne requested that the special order for Judge Norwood's impeachment be postponed until tomorrow. He said Governor Russell had not come to his office, and he supposed the resignation of Norwood was in his hands, as Norwood had wired him several days since that it had been sent to the Governor. The special order was accordingly postponed.

The bill to create the new county of Scotland came up on its reading.

Upon the roll being called the vote on the bill stood—yeas 38, nays 4. The bill has now passed its second reading, and goes on tomorrow's calendar for final passage.

FRIDAY, FEB. 17.—The Senate passed many purely local bills.

The Norwood matter was deferred, since he has resigned.

The Education Committee decided to retain the present school books two years

longer, provided change can be made during that time if they can be obtained at 10 per cent. lower price than is now paid.

SATURDAY, FEB. 18.—Little was done in the Senate today besides pass the suffrage amendment to the constitution.

Senator Goodwin offered an amendment to the constitution amendment, "that should the amendment be adopted by popular vote, then all persons who may thereby be deprived of the right of suffrage shall be exempt from all civil and military duties and poll tax." This was lost, by a vote of 42 to 6. The rate on passage of the amendment was also 42 to 6.

Only one bill was introduced today. It was to work convicts on roads in Franklin county.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, FEB. 13.—At the morning session the House passed the Stevens Anti-Trust bill, only six votes being cast against it. Tonight a bill was passed requiring all applicants for license to practice medicine to show a diploma from some reputable medical college, having three years' course. This bill had already passed the Senate.

Bills were introduced as follows:

To prevent practicing attorneys from becoming surties on bonds.

To prevent the taking of timber from the State to manufacture.

To appoint additional directors for the institution for deaf mutes and blind at Raleigh, and place it in Democratic control.

To prevent the spread of cattle-distemper, tick fever and other contagious diseases of cattle.

To abolish the Bureau of Labor, and establish a Bureau of Labor and Prizes—by these bills the price of composition is reduced from 35 to 30 cents per 1000 ems. The contract in 1893 was the best ever made to that time, but this will offer a saving of \$5,000 a year as compared with the contract of 1893.

Bills were passed:

To change the name of Ashpole to Union City.

To put the school for the deaf at Morganton under Democratic control.

To pay W. L. Norwood \$588 back salary.

To appoint new directors for the colored normal at Franklinton.

To ask Congress to have money lost by negroes in the Freedman's Savings Bank returned to them.

At 12:30 Messrs. Craig, Foushee and Allen, the impeachment committee, received from the Speaker their commission, and proceeded to the Senate as directed in the resolution adopted Saturday, and before the bar of the Senate impeached W. L. Norwood in the name of the people of the State, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

TUESDAY, FEB. 14.—The House met at 10 o'clock this morning.

Bills introduced:

To provide for injunctive relief against foreign corporations.

To require the Secretary of State to pay over to the State the accumulated land grant fund.

To amend Section 1832 of the Code so as to make separation of man and wife prima facie evidence of abandonment.

To provide for the election of commissioner of agriculture by the people and to organize the Department of Agriculture and Immigration.

To allow people of Mecklenburg county to vote on the issue of \$100,000 of bonds for macadamizing of roads.

As the special order the House took up the Senate bill to give Democrats charge of three hospitals for the insane—at Morganton, Raleigh and Goldsboro—placing them in charge of a board of nine directors for each, to be nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The bill passed its three readings without debate.

The insurance bill, made the special order for today, was not printed, and so was made the special order for Thursday at noon.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15.—The House held two sessions today—one from 10 to 3 o'clock and from 4 to 6 o'clock.

At the opening of the morning session the Judiciary Committee made report on the resolution introduced by White, of Davis, (Republican) charging that Judge Brown was intoxicated. The report said that the charge was found to be baseless, that White desired to withdraw the resolution, that leading Republicans said it was no party measure and that White had been misled.

White, of Davis, said as there was public rumor as to the matter he had offered the resolution without prejudice or malice. He asked leave to withdraw, saying that after full evidence it was shown that there was no foundation for rumors. He further asked that the entire matter be expunged from the record. His requests were complied with.

Bills were introduced as follows:

To prevent miners from congregating in barrooms and to prevent barkeepers from giving free lunches.

To enforce the collection of taxes upon lands sold for taxes.

To allow the pontonitary to complete the Quaker Bridge road in Onslow and Jones counties. \$5,000 has been expended on this road, but it has never been completed; it runs through the State swamp lands.

To incorporate the Atlantic & Yadkin Railway, this corporation is the successor of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad company, W. G. Elliott, H. Walters, T. M. Emerson and John G. Foster are incorporators.

To limit time of attorneys' speeches, save in capital cases.

To make Labor Day a holiday.

To direct the State Treasurer to pay pensions quarterly.

NORTH STATE CULLINGS.

To allow the Raleigh & Gaston Railway and other divisions of the S. A. L. to consolidate.

To re-charter the city of Newbern, the charter was repealed two weeks ago.

To allow sale of homestead and purchase of another.

THURSDAY, FEB. 16.—Two sessions were held by the House today.

No new bills of importance were introduced.

The following is the summary of the most important bills passed on third reading:

To incorporate Neuse River Institute Halifax county. (This institute is a colored school at Weldon.)

To give the Board of Internal Improvements power to appoint State directors and State proxy for the N. C. Railroad.

To make mayor's certificates prima facie evidence in proving town ordinances on appeals from mayor's court.

To pay school claims in Johnston, Surry, Robeson, Halifax, Rutherford, Gaston and Randolph counties.

FRIDAY, FEB. 17.—The legislative event of today was the passage of the suffrage amendment to the constitution on its several readings by more than three-fifths vote of the House. It came up as the special order at noon and after three hours debate passed a second reading by a vote of 89 to 29, and a third reading by 81 to 27.

All the Republicans and several Democrats voted against the bill.

The speech of the day in support of the bill was made by Rountree, of New Hanover. It was a great effort and the applause lasted for nearly a minute when he finished.

SATURDAY, FEB. 18.—Bills were introduced as follows:

To prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons by soldiers.

To amend Section 1664 of the Code in regard to the refusal of railways to receive and forward freight.

To allow Wake county to have two additional commissioners.

A bill was passed authorizing the Printing Committee to give out the public printing to the lowest bidder. This is understood, means it will go to Nash Bros. at Goldsboro, who have been offering to do the printing for 16¢ per cent less than the price named in the bill.

The next bill taken up was to establish a Bureau of Labor and Printing, under charge of a commissioner, with the assistance of a practical printer.

The machinery act was introduced and ordered printed, and the Revenue bill was made the special order for Tuesday noon.

The bill making an appropriation of \$16,000 for the State Guard is the special order for Wednesday, and consideration of the Insurance bill, creating the office of Insurance Commissioner, is set for Thursday.

Bills were passed:

To allow Tarboro to establish water works and sewerage and electric lights (\$9,000 for former and \$10,000 for latter).

The new county of Scotland has presented Speaker Connor with a handsome gold pen. On it is inscribed, "Scotland, 1899, Connor."

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The statement by Mr. Moses Cone before a legislative committee Wednesday of the plan to build a \$280,000 factory in this State to manufacture cotton flannel is interesting. There has never been a cotton flannel factory in the South.

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