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THE Czar and Asia

The Russian Czar is resolved upon extending his already vast domains in Asia. Nearly or quite two-thirds of that great continent is his, and yet he is pushing on his armies to new conquests.

The only safety of the Czar is in yielding to the demands of his people, instituting vigorous, needed, salutary reforms throughout his immense empire, and giving the country a constitutional government.

The Rev. Cowley "goes up" for twelve months to the State prison. The living children will doubtless be glad that their persecutor is punished, but the little ones who sleep in nameless graves will never know that the law laid its hand upon the monster.

When the Legislature gets together it may do like the extra session of Congress, go into general legislation, and then instead of biennial sessions we will have annual, possibly semi-annual, or even quarterly sessions.

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THE EXTRA SESSION

We are glad to see a very sensible and timely editorial in the Greensboro Patriot with reference to the extra session of the Legislature. We are in hearty accord with what it says.

"It would be called for anything of this kind, it is true, but will prevent smart politicians from introducing questions and provoking discussions that have no relation whatever to the original business."

In an effort to avoid Sefylla the Democratic so-called leaders may run their scallop-shell upon Charybdis, in all probability. To get a hearing for the best proposition the people must be taxed \$30,000, more or less.

The Republican leaders are very anxious for this special term, for it will give them an opportunity to throw in their torpedoes and get up a row, and they are eagerly awaiting the opportunity.

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Presiding Elder; Charlotte District the largest sum for pastors; Raleigh District the largest Conference collection for missions and Sunday schools; Wilmington District the largest for building and repairing churches; Salisbury District the most for education.

Rev. Dr. Jeter, whose death was announced by telegram on Wednesday night, was one of the most eminent, useful and consecrated divines in this country.

Dr. Jeter was the senior editor of the Richmond Religious Herald, the ablest Baptist paper in the South, and one of the ablest religious journals in America.

The Democrats have not heard the last of the proposed "extra session." What are twenty or thirty thousand dollars when a proposition to buy a railroad is on hand?

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SENATOR GRANT'S CLASSIFICATION

According to Senator Ben Hill there are three classes in the South who favor Grant, and they all claim to be Democrats. The first class, according to the Georgia Senator's manner of division, are men like Toombs, who were per se original secessionists.

But there is still another and a third class according to Mr. Hill who favor Grant. These are more noisy and more numerous. They are victims of the inevitable. It is foredoomed, predestinated, fixed that Grant is to be the man, so they are for him.

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IMPORTANT FROM RALEIGH

Meeting of the Council of State-Extra Session of the Legislature called.

Raleigh, N. C., February 21. The Council of State met today at 10 o'clock. Present: Dr. J. M. Worth, Treasurer, Chairman of the Council; Col. W. L. Saunders, Secretary of State; Dr. E. L. Love, Auditor; J. C. Sears, Borough Superintendent of Public Instruction.

By the Governor: G. L. DUDLEY, Private Secretary. The New Orleans Cow-Pea Ring-How it Operates Against our Dealers and Farmers.

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CRIMINAL COURT

Trial of John Grady, a Colored Fireman, for the Murder of John Taylor, Colored, in November, 1879.

The case of John Grady, colored, charged with the murder of one John Taylor, colored, on the night of the 29th of November last, which was taken up in the Criminal Court on Wednesday morning, was continued yesterday.

The defense introduced witnesses to prove that Taylor was struck by some other person on the flat, and not by Grady, a witness testifying that George Hays, a colored fireman, struck the fatal blow.

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Spirits Turpentine

Raleigh Visitor: The Hebrews of this city are endeavoring to make arrangements to have Rabbi Mendel...

Pittsboro Record: Mr. Ransom Poe, a worthy citizen of our county, and about eighty-five years old, is sick with the measles.

New Berns Nid Shell: The body of Jacob Mitchell, who, with his wife, was drowned while crossing Neuse river, on 3d inst., was picked up about 17 miles below...

Snow Hill Advocate: We state for the benefit of the Blade, and other papers who have copied its article relative to the Rev. Mr. Simpson, that his credentials were tendered...

New Berns Democrat: To-day we begin a series of articles upon the botany of North Carolina; these were written years and years ago, when old man now were children...

Oxford Free Lanes: Our tobacco market is attracting attention from foreign countries. A number of farmers from Mecklenburg county, Va., sold some portions of their crop on one of the warehouses on Tuesday.

Raleigh Observer: The Department of Agriculture has sent out over fifteen hundred circulars to the people in all parts of the State in regard to the registration of lands...

Greensboro Beacon: The engineer corps of this railroad, consisting of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad, moved to the Mt. Airy end of the road on Saturday, and are now surveying for permanent location from Greensboro west to Walnut Cove.

Weldon News: In the tax returns Halifax county showed a larger amount of net incomes than any other county in the State, except Danvers.

Greensboro Patriot: Machinery for the cotton factories in Alamance, direct from Lowell, Massachusetts, passed through this city on Saturday last.

The Law in Reference to Fire-Wood. As there are frequent complaints in this community in reference to the shortness of wood brought here for sale, and the newspapers are frequently called upon to direct attention to the matter, we give the law on the subject, which is to be found in Section 74, Chapter 61, Battle's Revised, and reads as follows:

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