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The Legislature will adjourn before the Rutherford agenda reaches its readers. Its work will probably be completed by next Saturday night, but it may not formally adjourn until Monday, as is customary with every Englishman in order that the bills that are passed may be enrolled for ratification.

This Legislature will be recalled in after years one of the most memorable in the history of our State. It is remarkable one of the ablest that has ever convened in North Carolina, although a majority of its members have worked most faithfully and self-sacrificing for the welfare of their state. It received the approval and plaudits of its constituents.

More bills have been introduced into this Legislature than were ever introduced into any previous Legislature, and their consideration has kept its members hard at work. Of course every bill will be carefully read by the Legislature, frequently discussed and voted upon, and passed, unless it is for passing other bills or for passing other bills of a local character, affecting some particular locality. For instance, there were no bills authorizing different counties to issue bonds for various purposes. In addition, there were many bills incorporating companies for various purposes. There were a number of bills to pension the pension roll, the sum of \$100,000 for soldiers, and other private bills of many kinds.

True to their principles of representation, the Democratic legislators have made the new tax on imports three times on the one hundred dollars lower than the tax levied by the last "reform" Legislature. It is best known by anyone in control of the public funds that the amount of money available for the benefit of the State has been increased by the Legislature.

The Fifty-fifth Congress will adjourn on next Saturday. Its appropriations and expenditures have exceeded those of any previous Congress since the close of the War between the States. It is not only a larger expenditure of money but also of expenditures and taxation. And yet notwithstanding this great expansion of ours, in expenditures and taxation, complaint is often heard from those in control of our "old" papers, which while professing to favor economy, have helped to place the Republican party in power.

A Pleasing Contrast.

It is a quiet pleasure to contrast the strong dress of the present Legislature with those of the last two decades, now that matters are considered, rather, as seen in the session body with that of the former. True in the first days of its existence, however, that it is the most powerful man in the country who is the most powerful man in the country, and it is the most powerful man in the country who is the most powerful man in the country. The present Legislature has been constituted with a large proportion of men who have had no business to do with the Legislature, but they have been elected for the best interests of the State, and have succeeded in their appearance, if not in their actions, in giving the people a better government.

And while this Legislature has levied a smaller tax on the property of foreigners than the last Legislature did, which is held to be the especial friend of the foreigner, it has also provided for a larger tax on the railroads, and the railroads, together with other railroads, have been taxed. The railroads were running to the Democratic party and were supported by the Legislature of the State. The Democrats carried the election. A anybody was so foolish as to believe any such state as must certainly now think very strange that a Legislature controlled by the railroads should henceforward increase the taxes on the railroads!

The Senate defeated the House bill to establish a dispensary at Charlotte, because Senator Osborne, of that city, was opposed to it. This has greatly served the people of Charlotte.

A bill was passed, and is now a law, to change from June to August the time for holding local option elections; that is, the election for prohibiting the sale of liquor in any locality.

In the same session a measure to take the House bill, which is the salaries of our State officers, but it was lost by a vote of 12 to 8. We note that Senator Gresham, of this county, voted his entire vote to defeat a bill that would all his constituents, regardless of politics, are in favor of.

An offer has been made by a syndicate to buy the State's stock in the Atlantic and Western railroad, from Goldsboro to Morehead City, but the Legislature will hardly accept it. While we think it ought to be sold, yet the price offered is not enough.

During the closing days of its session the Legislature, after scrutinizing too closely the measure, failed to pass the bill, and the cause of

Washington Letter.

From our regular correspondents.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21, 1890.

The democrats in Congress stand behind the plain words of Senator Cockrell against the bill for a large standing army, which Mr. McKinley is trying to pass through the Senate, and they believe that the rank and file of the party stand behind them. Mr. Cockrell said: "We will give you every man and every officer that is necessary, but we are not willing at this session to bestow upon the country a standing army of 100,000 men and to increase the expenses of the people by millions of dollars. We are offering everything that is fair and just and right. We have no disposition or intention to force an extra session of Congress, and we say to you that every bill that legitimately and of right ought to be law can be passed at this session. If an extra session is called, it will be solely for the purpose of fastening upon the people a standing army of 100,000 men." That is fair and straightforward statement of the attitude of the democratic Senators, who are being accused of holding up the government. They are not holding up the government, except in the sense of helping it to live up to the people. The war taxes are likely to have to be paid until a democratic Congress and administration is elected, and there will either have to be more taxes or no bonds unless the extravagance of the administration can be headed off or curtailed.

Col. W. L. Brewster is in Washington and the reception given him by the five hundred democrats, mostly men of prominence, who attended the banquet of the Virginia Democratic Association, at which he was the guest of honor, and it is certain that those who suppose that he is losing his hold upon the party's organization, just as the ringing speech, delivered with decision and energy, he gave at the banquet made it certain that he has lost none of the influence which enabled him to speak the Chicago resolution without fear and trembling, and to make a speech of six and a half million words to the men of the South.

Col. Mitchell of Wis., made a decided hit in his speech against the "Hell Army" bill, by so doing that he wished to confine any increase in the army to "The United States proper and not extend it to the United States improper. He objected most decidedly to giving U. S. soldiers engaged in shooting one alien nation after another, while good men are still engaged in fighting for their freedom, and whether the men themselves are Americans or not, and what nation they belong to, make no difference.

The above Cuban jacket, planned to meet as soon as Congress adjourns, upon which number of Senators and Representatives will be named as guests, will be given to government vessel and the bill will be paid with public money. It is estimated that the cost of the trip will not be less than \$200,000, but the amount may be less if the trip is to be shortened, enabling the Senators and Representatives to attend an extra session of Congress, as now seems likely. It is said that Mr. McKinley is being advised to break up the Cuban jacket.

Every member of the committee named by Senator Jones to advise with the Democratic National Committee during the preparation for next year's campaign, is not only a staunch advocate of the renomination of Col. Uriah Burdett of the renomination of the Chicago platform. Senator Jones will be chairman of the advisory committee and his associates will be the following gentlemen: Senator White, of Mich.; Dr. C. C. Spaulding, of Mich.; Norman Black, of N. Y.; the widely known Field Marshal General Alfredo de las Casas, of Spain; and U. S. Congressman George Fred Williams, of Mass. The headquarters of the advisory committee will be in Washington.

Admiral Schley, living in his statement of his record during the war with Spain made it plain that the jumping of Sampson over his head was the result of dirty work. His brother Otto, expressing no extenuating circumstances, said the pistol used in the bullet entering Sampson's skull was the bullet entering Schley's skull, the bullet entering Sampson's skull being the eighth bullet fired by Representative Long of Ohio, according to Dr. Dowd, the Adjutant General. There should be no doubt of the passage of the bill, but unfortunately there is.

Half the town in Ashes.

Waggoner, L. T., Feb. 24.—After a fire started at Moseley, L. T., on Feb. 23, last night, destroyed all but one-half of that town, consisting of a long string of twenty houses. The fire began in a negro's house near the court house. It destroyed the greater portion of the business district and many negro residences. There was no loss of life or serious injuries.

Dr. Bennett Bledsoe, of Waggoner, died of pneumonia, on Wednesday of last week.

Our Philippine Troubles.

Manila, Feb. 25.—There exists considerable discontent among the Filipinos, formerly one and King of Spain, Garrison, was brought to Manila by the Spanish Government, and he remained there almost the entire time of his stay.

The enemy sharply criticizes the administration for compelling the Filipinos in the bloodiest and fiercest way to the final victory of the United States. The general Pulham has decided to remain one. He was at one time a stout opponent of the Chinese, but he has now become a champion of the Western powers.

A large number of them concentrated near the Chinese quarter, but it is now known that Judge Douglas Major General MacArthur, who was sent to the Philippines, has appointed Pulham his successor. Pulham held the command of the National Guard of Aspinwall. He occupied a large place in the society of that city. He is now the leading and most influential man in the Philippines.

A large number of the natives were allowed to take their votes in the election, and it is believed that the ablest that has ever been held in North Carolina, and a majority of its members have worked most faithfully and self-sacrificing for the welfare of their state. It is to receive the approval and plaudits of its constituents.

The advice of Franklin, a great statesman, is well deserved, and should be followed by all who are in the position of holding up the government. They are not holding up the government, except in the sense of helping it to live up to the people. The war taxes are likely to have to be paid until a democratic Congress and administration is elected, and there will either have to be more taxes or no bonds unless the extravagance of the administration can be headed off or curtailed.

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Asperio Rodriguez, a prominent member of the Cuban independence movement, has been received by the Spanish Government, and it is believed that the Spanish Government has been informed that the American forces were in control of Cuba, but that they were not yet prepared to take possession of the island. He was brought back to North Carolina disguised and looking little better than a tramp.

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