H. A LUNDON, Editor.

THE session of the Legislature is now more than half gone, but during the remainder of the session much more will be done than has already been done.

The Senate by a vote of 19 to 17 tabled the bill that had passed the House to repeal the bill for the relief of Treasurer Lacy. So, he will be paid back the \$374 which Chief Clerk Martin stole, but it will be the dearest earned money that he has ever received and he will never hear the last of in the next campaign may expect this act of the Legislature to be thrown up to him.

Instead of promptly passing an act to repeal all our disgraceful divorce laws, the Legislature may add still another divorce law to disgrace our State. The leading religious bodies in this State have most earnestly petitioned the Legislature to repeal all the divorce laws enacted since 1883, and it was hoped that their petitions would have been more respected. It is a sad commentary on the morals of our legislators when they so completely ignore the petitions of so many churches.

The opponents of the anti-jug by hardly a dozen Senators. law do not seem to be dealing fairly with its advocates. A bill was introduced in the House to repeal the anti-jug law enacted by From The Charlotte Observer, Jan. 7th. the last Legislature, as it was then thought for only four counties. ed its advocates professed a will-fullure, the Japanese maintaining been accorded it. anti-jug law.

unanimous vote a bill to increase anese would not be able to hold the pensions of the fourth-class their own. Sunday a week ago, from \$14 to \$20 a year. No doubt however, a fierce attack by the the House will promptly pass this Japanese caused the Russian cepbill. We only wish the State was ter to give way and the Japanese able to pay much more to the old of Heikouta, the seeming key to soldiers and their widows.

pass, to punish vagrancy. It defines vagrants to be persons wan- was used, but this seems to have have no property to support them. weather became too severe for have no property to support them. Persons having a fixed abode, who from the field of hostilities is that the House and which will very property to support them, and Along with the news of the faildo not work. All persons able to make any headway in his attempt work, having no property to sup- to dislodge the Japanese from their winter quarters and the disport them, and who have not some astrous result of his recent operafair, honest and reputable liveli- commander-in-chief of the Rushood. Persons having a fixed sian forces has handed over his abode, who have no visible prop- account of dissensions among the evil. It is of the utmost import- miles away. Several windows living in idleness.

ernor to grant conditional pardons.

It provides the machinery for carwhen it is remembered that the conditional pardons when it is remembered that the conditional pardons it is remembered rying out a right the constitution Russians have regarded Kuropatof the State gives the Governor. kin as their hope for a successful Under this bill he may parole any outcome of the present war. The convict and when the convict vio- news, coming as it does from St. lates the conditions of his release it means that Russian affairs are plush any real relief. he may be rearrested upon the indeed going from bad to worse. the time he was out of prison.

introduced by this writer in the is doubtful if any of the remain-last Senate, and it will no doubt ing Russian vessels actually reach For that reason Mr. Roosevelt will make a similar fate. provides that the person desiring is quieter than at any time since but he promises to call Congress New York, Feb. 4.—Pilots of to bring a pauper suit must get the recent cutbreaks began, but in extra session, without fail, next many years' experience said today an order from a Judge after filing there is still apparently much disappetition setting forth the facts in the case and abortion at the less the authorities make the con-

Alcourse the usual dog-tax bill it will be defeated as all such bills had surrendered Port Arthur prehave always been defeated by maturely. every previous Legislature.

A great many local and private and yet may be of much importance to the localities interested.

institutions. This one agent could The Chatham Record buy supplies at lower prices than each institution could buy them, and thus save a good deal every

WHILE at Washington last week obligations to Senator Overman it, and every Democratic speaker their State. We were pleased to gained by the Government is this. and will occupy higher positions than they now hold.

both the Senate and House we tence. by those who should have occu-

The Japanese-Russian War.

The effort of General Kuropatkin to dislodge the Japanese from winter quarters and break through When this bill came up to be pass- Oyama's lines proved a disastrous ingness to vote for a new anti-jug their positions and repulsing the and is now pending in the Senate. ter. A dispatch from Mukden to a St. Petersburg paper gives the But when the new anti-jug law Russian casualties as 13,000, and was introduced in the House its this may be taken as a conservaopponents began filibustering and tive estimate. The most despersucceeded in postponing action on ate fighting seems to have occurred on the 26th and 27th of Januit until next week. We hope the ary, and in some cases it is stated fighting along the Hun river was The Senate has passed by a most desperate, and for two days and nights it seemed that the Jap the situation, and the Russians The House has passed a bill, were driven across the Hun river. legislation. which we hope the Senate will Further fighting on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of February is reported, dering or strolling about in idle- been of no importance. Toward ness who are able to work and the latter part of the week the

who are liable to work, and who ure of General Kuropatkin to visible and known means of a tions comes the report that the live by stealing, or by trading in, his health. This rumor has been bartering for, or buying stolen current in St. Petersburg since property. Professional gamblers the removal of Gen. Gripenberg it shall leave no loop-hole by twenty miles from the magazine, The Senate has passed without firmed. The Russian War Office

warrant issued by the Governor It is asserted in a dispatch from and compelled to serve his entire St. Petersburg, under Saturday's the way of railway rate legislation ally. The rebels had sacked the cific squadron will leave for the Far East about February 14. It A bill has been introduced to however, seems improbable that regulate the institution of pauper anything in the way of naval warsuits somewhat similar to the one fare is likely to occur soon, for it

meet a similar fate. This bill The situation in Russia proper in the case and showing that he cessions they have promised it is cannot give the usual bond for likely that more trouble may break out almost any time.

General Stoessel arrived at Colombo, Ceylon, and took oppor- "up against it." ha total introduced, and of course tunity to deny the reports that he

The largest diamond ever disbills have been passed, which are covered, weighing 3,032 carats and of no public or general interest, valued at from \$3,500,000 to \$4,-000,000, has just been found near most to the gulf. The ice was Pretoria in South Africa.

recommended that a purchasing ginned to January 16 in 695 count greatly hampered business, par- Berry Lawry, who is now living

Washington Letter. From our Regular Correspondent.]

Washington, Feb. 2, 1905. The most important event in Washington during the past week has been the unanimous decision of the Supreme Court upholding the plea of the Government against we had the pleasure of meeting the Beef Trust. While the decisnearly all the Congressmen from ion of the Court was widely herthis State, and we are under many alded, comparatively few persons understand precisely what it amounts to, About a year ago and Representative Pou for special United States District Attorney courtesies extended. In conver- Bethea, of Chicago, asked from sation with Congressmen from Judge Grosscup an injunction reother States we were pleased and straining the packers from entermuch gratified to hear our North the price to be paid for live cattle and that to be charged for the tives highly complimented. They dressed products. The injunction are held in high esteem by all the was granted but the Trust fought other Congressmen and reflect it in the courts and its legality much credit on themselves and has now been confirmed by the Supreme Court. The advantage learn that nearly all our Congress- If it can be shown to Judge Grossmen will be promoted next session cup that the packers have violated in their assignment to committees, his injunction he can hale them into court, declare them guilty of contempt of court and sentence them to imprisonment and there In attending the sessions of will be no appeal from his sen-

were surprised at the little inter- The next step is for the Attorest taken in the proceedings by nev General to ascertain whether District Attorney Bethea already the Senators and Representatives. has evidence that the injunction Very few of them were in their has been violated, and if not, to seats, and the many vacant chairs watch the packers with the pursuggested a woful want of interest pose of procuring such evidence. The President has charged the Attorney General to endeavor to pied them. In the Senate Senator procure such evidence and to de-Nelson, of Minnesota, was making mand of Judge Grosscup, if such an uninteresting speech on the evidence shall be procured, that Statehood bill, which was heard the guilty packers be sent to jail. The President is convinced that while a fine of any amount would merely be laughed at by the millionaire packers as "the fortunes of war," a jail sentence imposed on one or more of the prominent men who compose the Trust would have a most salutary effect and would inevitably insure a respect for the law which has not hitherto

The decision of the Supreme law, and the bill passed the House Russians with considerable slaugh- Court may prove a relief to the these is the private car monopoly whereby the Trust, even if compelled to lower its prices of dresscan rob the purchaser on the transportation rates and so secure in fatal would, the end the same profits as formaltives of the people face to face

with the question of railway ,rate

The unthinking man will say instantly, "Pass the railway rate in which considerable artillery bill now before the House of Representatives," but the more thoughtful may pause before making such a demand. The fact is likely pass at this session, will afford no remedy against the private car monopoly. In fact, that subject is never mentioned and yet it is the one means by which the command to General Linevitch on that may not prove an unmixed heard distincly at Ohio City, fifty as commander of the Second Army, which the trusts may continue to all the windows on the one side rob the public and it is question- of the house were shattered. The gress. On the other hand, some jet. passed, some such measure as the Elkins anti-rebate bill of last session, fairly good so far as it went, but all too inadequate to accom-

to see a half-way measure passed will make no further effort to perexcuse of lack of time and the Re- York-harbor than at any previous publicans who have thus far block-ed the remedial legislation de-many portions of the bay the vamanded by the leader of their ter was completely frozen over. party and endorsed by W. J. Bry- The Narrows were full of immense an will be, to use a slang phrase, ice cakes and most of the bay on

Cold in the South.

verest cold weather known in the There was considerable improve-South for many years was ushered ment in the condition today. n this morning with a blizzard of snow and sleet, which reached alfour inches thick in southern Mis-Gov. Glenn has very sensibly The census report of cotton terfored with the railroads and ed from the noted outlaw, Henry

Japanese Medical Service. from The Charlotte Observer.

deaths from disease out of 24,642 supplies at Kuropatkin's headcases. Not more than 193 men quarters is seriously in danger of came down with typhoid, hitherto interruption. There is now the scourge of all modern armies, 130,000 freight cars on the way and practically all of the beri-beri quable to move either way, patients were restored to health, except with extreme slowness, Commenting on these figures, The New York Evening Post says that "no nation and no army ever made such a record before," and it is of Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 4,-Atlanta opinion that American and Euro- streets tonight were covered with our own record in 1898. We put a drizzling rain has been falling about 275,000 men in the field dur- and freezing as fast as it hit the ing a similar perio l-from May 1 earth, which, on top of yesterday's to December 31-of whom no less sleet, has made the streets as than 4,965 officers and men died of smooth as glass. As a result of disease-nine tenths of them in this condition sixteen horses are peaceful camps within our own known to be dead, broken limbs territory. Doubtless, General necessitating their being shot and Oku's army was not as large as a number of persons are known to our levies of 1898; perhaps he had be suffering with broken arms and only half as many men. But when legs. one considers the relative conditions of the two armies, it is now more than ever plain that several thousand of our war victims were needlessly destroyed by their own folly or because of the incompe- ed its southermost boundary totence of their officers. These com- day and spread a blanket of sleet parisons are indeed striking, and will doubtless rivet the attention of foreign War Departments on to three inches is reported from the methods employed by the Japanese hospital corps. These people seem to possess the secret of everything necessary in waging a war, and their successful combating of the scourge of armies is indeed fully as great an accomplishment as their victories in armed conflict over a more power-

Plunged Into Burning Oil.

Sisterville, W. Va., Feb. 4 .-Linsey Owens, a prosperous farm- Correspondence Charlotte Observer. er living about 14 miles southeast of this city, committed suicide in a horrible manner after an unsuccessful attempt to murder his wife. cattle raiser who, if the Trust Maddened through jealousy, so it does not dare combine to fix the is alleged, Owens shot at his wife price of his cattle, may get its with a 38-calibre revolver while full market value rather than an both were in the house, and then arbitrary price fixed by the pack- walked to the farm of a neighbor, Burlington and Alamance county. ers, but it is doubtful if there is F. T. McCulloch, where an oil much relief for the consumers in tank was located, and after setting ton to River Falls, in the south-Senate will not pass the repealing that entire companies of Russians has other methods left by which ed into the burning fluid. When it can control the price of the the fire could be extinguished and dressed product. Chief among the body recovered it had been burned beyond all recognition. The bullet fired at Mrs. Owens struck her just above the right ed meats at the packing house, temple and glanced off, inflicting a dangerous but not necessarily

rushed in and occupied the village ly. This brings the representa- had been married four times and was the father of a burge family It is thought by many of his neighbors and acquaintances that he committed the deed while temporarily insane.

A Terrific Explosion.

Montpelier, Ind., Feb. 4 -By the explosion of 2,250 quarts of nitroglycerine today in one of the magazines of the American Glycerine Company, three miles north of here, two of the Company's employes were seriouly injured but will probably recover.

A hole thirty feet was torn if packers have the public at their the ground. Several farm houses mercy. As a matter of fact, there within a radius of two miles we/e is almost no possibility that the sligtly damaged. Trees five hun-Senate will enact any railway rate dred feet away were uprooted and legislation at this session, but stripped, The explosion was ance that any railway bill that is were broken at Geneva, twentyplaced on the statutes shall be two miles away. On the Albert comprehensive and effective, that Spaulding farm, near Uplands, able if there remains time for such explosion was caused by the ina measure to be put through Con- creased pressure in a burning gas

Argentine Rebels Routed.

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 6. - Government troops attacked the rebels, who had fortified themselves at Mendoza, at dawn today. Soon The President will be disap- afterwards the rebel leaders and pointed that there is not much officers fled to the mountains, and at this session, but he would rath- local branch of the National Bank er see the whole project fail than of Buenos Ayres and seized \$300,-000. Numerous arrests have been which would be used as an argu- made, and the city is now quiet. ment against doing anything next Lase information shows that the session while the people were left insurrectionary movement is now

the Jersey side below Liberty Island was frozen completely over. Both the North and the East riv-New Orleans, Feb. 4.—The se- ers were full of heavy floating ice.

The Lumberton Robesonian sissippi. The cold and snow in- says that a letter has been receiv agent be appointed to buy all the bared with 7,168,381 bales in the been no great loss except to cattle nearly thirty-four years. It was same counties last year.

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130,000 Freight Cars Tied Up. 1.

St. Petersburg, February 7 .-Statistics of the mortality in The Trans-Siberian railway has General Okn's army show that become clogged with an enorfrom May 6 to December 19, dur- mous amount of freight, which ing seven and a half months of the minister of ways and commuthe hardest kind of campaigning, nications tried to send over the there were actually only forty road and as a result the arrival of

Atlanta Gets Glassy. pean army surgeons must doff a sheet of solid ice two inclies their hats to the Japanese. Take thick. Since late in the afternoon

Sleet and Snew Over the South. Louisville, Ky., Feb. 3.-The general cold wave probably reachand snow over the central South. A fall of sleet ranging from one points in Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennesse, Georgia, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and parts of Texas of the States mentioned. In Ar- home on receipt of a postal card. kansas the fruit crop has been severely damaged while in Mississippi and some parts of Louisiana truck gardens and cotton suffered.

Trolley Line in Alamance.

Burtington, Feb. 2,-The construction of the Burlington & River Falls Electric Railway is almost assured, the capital stock of the company, with the exception of a tew hundred dollars, having been taken. This road will be of great ern part of the county, touching Graham, Haw River, Swepsonville valuable timber lands and tapping the cotton belt by the shortest

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Flobert Rifle Accident. Special Rates Special to Raleigh Post.

Selma, N. C., Feb. 1.-Willie the twelve-year-old son- of Joe Morgan, died this evening from New Orleans, La., Pensacola, the effects of a flobert rifle shot in Fla., Mobile, Ala., account of the head. He and his brother fourteen years old, had been out shooting sparrows at their home above points, March 2nd-7th a mile from town. The older brother, not knowing the gun was loaded, pointed it at Willie and pulled the trigger, saying, "I am going to shoot you." The ball entered behind the ear, producing death in a few hours.

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