

THE session of the Legislature is now more than half gone...

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.

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 opponents of the anti-jug 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 the last Legislature...

The Senate has passed by a unanimous vote a bill to increase the pensions of the fourth-class from \$14 to \$20 a year.

The House has passed a bill, which we hope the Senate will pass, to punish vagrancy. It defines vagrants to be persons wandering or strolling about in idleness...

The Senate has passed without any opposition a bill for the Governor to grant conditional pardons. It provides the machinery for carrying out a right the constitution of the State gives the Governor.

A bill has been introduced to regulate the institution of pauper suits somewhat similar to the one introduced by this writer in the last Senate...

The usual dog-tax bill has been introduced, and of course it will be defeated as all such bills have always been defeated by every previous Legislature.

A great many local and private bills have been passed, which are of no public or general interest, and yet may be of much importance to the localities interested.

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

WHILE at Washington last week we had the pleasure of meeting nearly all the Congressmen from this State, and we are under many obligations to Senator Overman and Representative Pou for special courtesies extended.

In attending the sessions of both the Senate and House we were surprised at the little interest taken in the proceedings by the Senators and Representatives.

The Japanese-Russian War.

The effort of General Kuropatkin to dislodge the Japanese from winter quarters and break through Oyama's lines proved a disastrous failure, the Japanese maintaining their positions and repulsing the Russians with considerable slaughter.

Along with the news of the failure of General Kuropatkin to make any headway in his attempt to dislodge the Japanese from their winter quarters and the disastrous result of his recent operations comes the report that the commander-in-chief of the Russian forces has handed over his command to General Linevitch on account of dissensions among the officers, and the bad condition of his health.

The situation in Russia proper is quieter than at any time since the recent outbreaks began, but there is still apparently much dissatisfaction and unrest, and unless the authorities make the concessions they have promised it is likely that more trouble may break out almost any time.

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Washington Letter.

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 the Beef Trust.

The next step is for the Attorney General to ascertain whether District Attorney Bethea already has evidence that the injunction has been violated, and if not, to watch the packers with the purpose of procuring such evidence.

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Japanese Medical Service.

From The Charlotte Observer.

Statistics of the mortality in General Oku's army show that from May 6 to December 19, during seven and a half months of the hardest kind of campaigning, there were actually only forty deaths from disease out of 24,642 cases.

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130,000 Freight Cars Tied Up.

St. Petersburg, February 7.

The Trans-Siberian railway has become clogged with an enormous amount of freight, which the minister of ways and communications tried to send over the road and as a result the arrival of supplies at Kuropatkin's headquarters is seriously in danger of interruption.

Atlanta Gets Glassy.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 4.—Atlanta's streets tonight were covered with a sheet of solid ice two inches thick. Since late in the afternoon a drizzling rain has been falling and freezing as fast as it hit the earth.

Sleet and Snow Over the South.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 3.—The general cold wave probably reached its southernmost boundary today and spread a blanket of sleet and snow over the central South.

Trolley Line in Alamance.

Burlington, 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 few hundred dollars, having been taken.

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Flobert Rifle Accident.

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Seima, N. C., Feb. 1.—Willie, the twelve-year-old son of Joe Morgan, died this evening from the effects of a flobert rifle shot in the head.

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