

The members of the Legislature cannot draw any pay after next Sunday, but they cannot adjourn then without leaving incomplete their most important work.

Particular care and caution should be exercised during the closing days of the session, in order to prevent the passage of some objectionable bill.

The Senate has passed the two House "anti-jug-law" bills. One amends the act passed by the last Legislature, which was intended to apply to only four counties, so as to make it apply only to those counties instead of to the entire State, as it was construed by the Supreme Court.

The big fight over the Ward bill resulted in a great victory for its advocates at the meeting of the House committee, which voted for it 27 to 4. This meeting attracted more interest than the meeting of any other committee on any other bill.

The House has passed the Senate bill (and it is now a law) allowing railroad companies to make such advertising contracts with newspapers in exchange for transportation as they may mutually agree upon.

The House has passed the bill to reduce the passenger rates on railroads a quarter of a cent a mile on first and second class tickets.

A very just bill passed by the House is the one requiring railroad companies to pay stock law tax in all stock law territory traversed by their roads.

We are pleased to note that there will be no bond issue, as was urged by some. So opposed is a majority of the Senate to a bond issue, that so meritorious a measure as the bill to erect a Hall of Records was defeated in that body because it provided for the issue of \$100,000 worth of bonds with which to erect it.

THE Millennium must be near. It certainly seems so since Congress has passed by a unanimous vote a bill authorizing the return to the Southern States of their Confederate battle flags, which were captured during the war.

This action of Congress is in striking and most pleasing contrast to the violent opposition that denounced President Cleveland in 1887 for proposing just such action by Congress. He was accused of disloyalty to the Union and all such rot, when he urged Congress to return these flags, and now this is done without a dissenting vote or voice.

The impeachment trial of Judge Swayne was a regular farce and its result was well known long before the Senate, on last Monday, formally acquitted him. That he is unfit to be a Judge all fair-minded men must admit, but if he was impeached there were too many other Federal Judges equally liable to impeachment.

We are pleased to note that our good friend, Mr. J. B. Whitaker Jr., has again put on the editorial harness, after resting for a year or more. He is now editor of the Mill News, recently established at Greensboro, and we wish him the great success which he so much deserves.

THE sudden disappearance of the eight-year old son of Senator Beasley is as sad as it is strange. In broad daylight he seems to have been kidnapped in sight of his home and school-house, and disappears as if the earth had swallowed him.

THE Japanese-Russian War. From The Charlotte Observer, Feb. 27th.

News of sharp fighting in the Far East has during the past week been combined with numerous reports of movements toward peace. The rumors have had it that both sides were getting ready to make known their terms, and it was even stated toward the latter part of the week that Japan had made some kind of a peace offer through United States officials.

The signs of increasing activity are numerous in the dispatches from the Far East. On February 24 the Japanese took Beresneff Hill, after severe fighting, the Russians, according to St. Petersburg advices, being largely outnumbered. The Japs, it is stated, advanced over their own dead in spite of exploding surface mines and barbed wire entanglements.

A Brutal Father. From News and Observer. Wilkesboro, N. C., Feb. 26.—John Moore (Rooster John), of the Brushy Mountains, has been put in jail here, charged with causing the death of his little five-year-old daughter. The evidence of the mother of the child is that Moore came home on the 15th full of liquor. He gave the child some whiskey and afterward beat and slapped her and in other ways treated her roughly. She died next morning. Moore says he does not remember doing a thing to the child and denies hurting her in any way.

A dispatch from Columbus, Miss., says that Henry H. Humphries, a prominent young business man of Columbus, was accidentally drowned in the Tombigbee river Sunday.

Washington Letter. From Our Regular Correspondent. Washington, Feb. 23, 1905.

Congress is now engaged in the usual Titanic struggle of crowding into the last two weeks of the session all the work that has been neglected through the previous months and the result is a legislative jumble which compels hasty and ill-considered legislation, the neglect of work that ought to be done and the careless performance of work that should command the utmost care and precision.

The Stuyvesant docks, which extend from Louisiana avenue almost to Napoleon avenue, a distance of twelve squares, the wharves between those two points were covered with miles of track, and steel and iron sheds ran the whole distance.

The fire was discovered shortly after 7 o'clock. It was said to have resulted from a journal that had not been sufficiently oiled. The whole plant was equipped with gigantic water tanks and fire-extinguishing apparatus, but the blaze, small at the beginning, almost instantly got beyond control, communicating through the conveyers to the lower elevator and some of the sheds.

Fortunately the Senate does not expire with the Congress and for that reason the San Domingo treaty will not be rushed through while the hands of the big Senate clock are turned back in a haphazard attempt to establish the fact that the hour of 12 o'clock noon on March 4 has not arrived.

Rarely has the Senate seemed prepared to judge of a great problem so nearly on its merits as in the case of the San Domingo treaty. There are no party lines on this convention. A few rock-ribbed Republicans, staunch supporters of the Administration, would be willing to vote for ratification without due consideration, but many Republican and all Democratic Senators will insist on full and free discussion of the policy which the San Domingo pact would inaugurate before they will cast an affirmative vote therefor.

All hope of railway rate legislation for this session of Congress has been abandoned, due largely to the philandering tactics of the "Honorable" Steven B. Elkins, the chairman of the Senate committee on Interstate Commerce. Mr. Elkins is a prominent railway man who contributed upwards of \$80,000 to the campaign fund which resulted in electing him to the United States Senate and his conception of his duty is not in the line of any curtailment of the profits now paid him by his various railway investments.

Hon. George Howard, of Tarboro, died last week aged 75 years.

Great Wharf Fire. New Orleans, Feb. 26.—Fire involving millions of dollars loss in physical property and that strikes a serious, if temporary, blow at the immense export trade of New Orleans, swept the river front to-night and wiped out the vast freight terminals of the Illinois Central Railroad, known as the Stuyvesant docks.

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In the Port Arthur operations 55,900 Japanese and 11,400 Russians were killed or wounded, and 32,000 Russians captured. In addition to this, 1,799 Japanese and 2,527 Russians were lost at sea.

Fighting on a large scale is in progress between the Russian and Japanese armies in Manchuria.

Proper Treatment of Pneumonia. Pneumonia is too dangerous a disease for anyone to attempt to doctor himself, although he may have the proper remedies at hand.

The wind was blowing down the river and the blaze spread with great speed in that direction. By 9 o'clock the lower elevator and sheds and wharves from Amelia street to Louisiana avenue, a distance of six squares, had fallen in. Fortunately, Louisiana avenue is a very broad thoroughfare, and the further spread of the fire beyond that point into a residence section was checked.

Tiny Woman to be Exhibited. Special to Charlotte Observer. Winston-Salem, Feb. 27.—Mr. F. F. Thomas, of this city, has secured for a tour through the North the smallest woman in the world.

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