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Our present General Assembly is a working body of legislators, who have got down to business more promptly than is usual with our Legislators generally.

Only a few bills of a public nature or of general interest have thus far been passed. One of them will be approved by everybody having any sense of decency or respect for woman.

One of the most important bills yet introduced is the bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Aycock, providing for the punishment of pools, trusts and conspiracies to control prices, and as to evidence in such cases.

Several bills have been introduced in the Senate and House in regard to railroads. Some of them reduce passenger rates, some require railroads to make certain connections and operate additional trains, and one provides for the punishment of employees of railroads who by their negligence cause a wreck.

The editors of the state are stirred up over the bills introduced, one by Senator Graham and the other by Speaker Justice, forbidding newspapers to receive transportation in payment of advertising the schedules of the railroad companies, as was authorized by an act of the last Legislature.

SENATOR SIMMONS has been re-elected United States Senator from this State. On last Tuesday, as required by law, the Senate and House voted separately and next day there was a joint meeting of the Senate and House at which the vote was announced and Mr. Simmons was formally declared duly elected.

The Democratic caucus, which nominated Senator Simmons, was held on Tuesday night of last week, and he received every vote except four, which were given to Chief Justice Walter Clark, who, however, was not a candidate.

Senator Simmons deserved this very complimentary endorsement and will no doubt continue to prove worthy of it.

The bitterness against the South, which was engendered by the War between the States, is now almost obliterated, and recently there were two notable proofs or instances that deserve notice.

One is the passage by the Senate of the United States of a resolution to call our great war the "Civil War" and no longer to stigmatize it as the "Rebellion."

The other is the tribute paid to Gen. Lee on last Saturday by prominent men of the North. The President of the United States

wrote a letter to be read last Saturday at the Lee memorial meeting in Washington, which was very complimentary of Gen. Lee and very creditable to the President, and which no President of the United States would have written twenty or more years ago.

Another distinguished Northern, Hon. Charles Francis Adams, of Massachusetts, delivered the address at the celebration at Lexington, Virginia, where Gen. Lee died and is buried. In this address, which was one of the finest tributes to Lee delivered anywhere, Mr. Adams declared that if he had been in Gen. Lee's place at the outbreak of the war he would have acted just as Gen. Lee had acted in resigning from the United States army and going with his state.

Snow Twenty Feet Deep. Seattle, Wash., Jan. 21.—Transcontinental traffic on the Great Northern is paralyzed on account of the snow in the Cascades and accompanying snow slides. Not an overland train has reached Seattle over the Great Northern since Saturday morning, and the indications were last night that the road would be blocked for perhaps a week.

Louis Hill, first vice president of the Great Northern, who left here Saturday night got as far as Skiltonish, 85 miles from Seattle. He was held there all day and night. The snow in the Cascades is considered the worst in the history of the road. More than twenty feet of snow has fallen in the vicinity of the Cascade tunnel. Frequent slides have torn out the track in many places.

Negro Riot. Lawton, Okla., Jan. 22.—A negro riot, created by Lane Dixon, colored, reputed to be a discharged soldier from the 25th infantry at Fort Reno, last night resulted in the death of Nat Marshall, colored, the wounding of Dixon, and several other negroes and the arrest of fifty negroes.

Marshall, owner of the gambling resort in which the negroes had congregated, and Dixon engaged in a quarrel over a crap game. Their fight drew others in and a pitched battle resulted. The fight was so desperate that all the officers of Lawton were called upon to put a stop to it and make the arrests.

Entire Family Dead. Calgary, Alberta, Jan. 21.—A tragedy, the details of which probably never will be known, has wiped out the entire family of Edward Ferdinand, proprietor of a tannery. The police broke into the house and found Ferdinand dead in bed, the dead body of a newly born infant at his side, while the dead body of Mrs. Ferdinand lay on the floor near the bed. In another bed were three young boys still alive but so severely frozen that they soon died. The supposition is that the family was overcome by the coal gas, that the wife recovered sufficient to attempt to fix the pipes and died. The boys probably were overcome by gas and recovered only to be frozen.

Stricken With Paralysis. High Point, Jan. 18.—Sitting at the table with his hand on the key Mr. Coleman, the operator here for the Postal Telegraph Company, was stricken with telegraphers paralysis and was found some little time afterwards in an unconscious condition. Doctors worked over him for hours, but little improvement has been noticed. Mr. Coleman suffered a stroke of paralysis some years ago from which he never fully recovered. He has a sick wife and baby and two other little tots to care for.

Our Military Strength. Washington, Jan. 21.—More than thirteen million of men in the United States are available for military service, according to the report of the military secretary of the army concerning the militia, which has just been made public. Of this number 112,390 men are organized in state militia and ready for immediate military duty.

In the aggregate strength of its organized militia New York leads with 14,711 and Pennsylvania is next with 9,836, Illinois is third with 6,613.

Fatal Railroad Collision. Fowler, Ind., Jan. 19.—Sixteen persons, perhaps more, lost their lives in a collision of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad "Queen City Flyer," which left Chicago last night, with a freight train near this point early this morning. The dead were either crushed or buried in the wreck.

Worms Eat Lead Pipe.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Electrical engineers and fire underwriters interested in the Union Stock Yards have become alarmed over the advent of un-identified larvae swarming in certain sections of packing plants and feeding upon the lead pipe insulation of electric wires. These brown, hairy little wigglers, each five-eighths of an inch long, are moving through the "hoof" houses at the yards, gnawing irregular patches of lead, often cutting through the cloth and rubber insulation and short-circuiting the electric current.

Holes an inch long and half an inch wide have been cut through one-tenth inch thickness of lead pipes. The "lead pipe cinch" bug is the designation given the creature by Director Fred J. V. Skiff, of the Field Columbian Museum, in whose entomological laboratory this little lead eater is under observation.

It is in the "hoof house" at the yards that the little creature has appeared in millions. These houses are for the storage of hooft that are under way in the process toward glue manufacture. In the houses the floors are of wood, three or four inches thick. Yet this little worm has honeycombed them in its search for lead pipe. So great have been the ravages of these larvae upon the lead insulation in the house of hooft that already new installations of electric wires are being conducted in gas-pipe protection. Some of the floors of the house are so bored and weakened that cement will have to take the place of the wood.

Depot Leveled On.

The Greensboro papers tell how a lone, lone individual brought a big railway corporation to terms, through the aid of a deputy sheriff, clothed in the potency and majesty of the law.

Because of the failure of the Southern Railway Company to pay a claim of \$7,000, which was the amount of damages awarded to Capt. Claude H. Beard for personal injuries received by him while he was acting as conductor on one of the Southern's trains, Deputy Sheriff Weatherly went down yesterday and leveled on the passenger depot. He was preparing to sell the building when the attorneys for the Southern learned of the state of affairs, and went to see the officer.

After a conference between them the matter was adjusted and the plaintiff in the case got a check for the amount due him.

The Grip

"Before we can sympathize with others, we must have suffered ourselves." No one can realize the suffering attendant upon an attack of the grip, unless he has had the actual experience. There is probably no disease that causes so much physical and mental agony, or which so successfully defies medical aid. All danger from the grip, however, may be avoided by the prompt use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy, not one case has ever been reported that has resulted in pneumonia or that has not recovered. For sale by G. R. Pilkington.

Flood at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Jan. 19.—With the crest of the flood water in the Ohio River not yet in sight, the flood loss in Cincinnati and its vicinity is \$300,000 up to tonight. About 15,000 persons have been driven to higher lands. Nearly fifty squares in Newport, a dozen in Covington and large areas in the east end and in the mill creek quarter of Cincinnati are under water.

This forenoon the stage of the Ohio River at this point was 62 feet, the highest since February, 1884.

The "Florida Special" on the Seaboard Air Line was wrecked near Raleigh one night last week, and three costly Pullman cars were destroyed by fire, igniting from a gasoline explosion. Nobody was killed, and only two or three slightly hurt.

Senator Overman has secured the passage by the Senate of the bill giving Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, of Charlotte, a pension of twenty dollars a month.

The citizens of Asheville and Buncombe county will vote on the question of issuing \$250,000 in bonds for the macadamizing of the roads of that county.

Tutt's Pills

stimulate the TORPID LIVER, strengthen the digestive organs, regulate the bowels, and are equated as an ANTI-BILIOUS MEDICINE, in malarial districts their virtues are widely recognized, as they possess peculiar properties in freeing the system from that poison. Elegantly sugar coated. Take No Substitute.

The Pure-Food Law.

The Pure-Food law went into effect this month, and everywhere there is hurry and worry in efforts to comply with it. There is hurry in Washington, where Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, is doing his best to pass upon the truthfulness of the new labels which the law requires; there is hurry in the United States laboratory on the top floor of the Public Stores Building in this city, where R. E. Doolittle, chief of the bureau, is increasing his working force, and there is hurry in printing offices all over the country, where labels guaranteed to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth about the things that people eat are being turned from the presses by the tens of thousands, and still not fast enough to supply the demand for them. For, though makers and dealers are allowed until October 1 in which to change the principal labels, all stickers and supplementary labels must be put on at once.

These labels form an interesting study and are calculated to bring blank dismay to the face of not a few who read them when neatly pasted on the bottles, cans and boxes they are intended for on drugstore and grocery shelves. The labels will also unmask that fiction so long maintained under which so much cottonseed oil has been sold for pure olive oil made abroad. The law is also strict about the use of the names of localities on food products, and unless New Jersey tomatoes are really from New Jersey, and Vermont syrups really from Vermont, and Java or Mocha coffee really from Java or Mocha, it will be a violation of the law to label them as such. Imitation maple syrup, honey, spices and such products must be so labeled.

The law also requires that the real name of the manufacturer shall alone appear upon the label. Tomatoes that have for years been sold perhaps as "Smith's tomatoes," though Smith himself is beneath the sod, must now be labeled "Smith's brand," and those importers who have been selling in this country foodstuffs originally prepared by some foreign exporter, though now controlled by American capital, must abandon the foreign name.

The law is especially strict concerning the preparation and sale of confectionery. The use of mineral substances of all kinds, except such as may have received the "O. K." of the Secretary of Agriculture, is specifically forbidden in confectionery, whether the substances are poisonous or not, and only harmless colors or flavors may be used. The labels upon the candy boxes must be as truthful as those on food packages and tins.

In connection with the drug trade the new labels will bring to light some interesting facts. Paregoric, so long administered to babies, according to the new labels, contains 45 per cent of alcohol and two grains of opium. Doubtless many mothers will prefer to rock their babies to sleep in the face of that dreadful label, which must find a place on every bottle of paregoric sold. There are many mixtures once familiar to the drug trade which the new law and Health Commissioner Darlington have forced out of New York, for the Health Commissioner has made it known to the drug trade that so-called "standard" mixtures must bear a label stating just the proportion of alcohol, opium, cocaine and other substances they contain.

Druggists all over the city are now busy pasting on stickers telling just what drugs these powders contain. But it is hard, even in the face of the requirements of the law, for the makers of these products to tell all that their beloved powders contain. For instance, on one well-known kind of headache powder the sticker now being pasted reads like this:

"Each powder contains 3 grains of acetaminid with other efficient remedies. The purchaser cannot but wonder concerning the exact nature of the other efficient remedies."

Manufacturers of food products are equally loth to completely disillusionize the public concerning their goods, though they dare not openly defy the law. This desire to temporize has given birth to some comical combinations in the wording of the new labels. For instance, one well known brand of tomato catsup, long sold under the name of "Long Island Tomato Catsup," has now been named "Long Island Style Tomato Catsup." Horseradish long sold as "Long Island Horseradish," is now "Long Island Brand Horseradish." The label on a familiar brand of salad oil appears in the same large type as before, "Warranted Pure Salad Oil," but below this the person with good eyesight can discern the significant legend "Pressed from selected cottonseed." A well-known cough mixture now appears with this confession printed upon a sticker hugging tightly each bottle sold: "Each teaspoonful contains 5 minims spirit chloroform and 1.10 gr. codein." A popular cholera mixture, to which many a sufferer has flown for relief in the hot summer months,

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