

The session of the Legislature is now more than half gone and not many bills of importance have as yet been passed.

Much time has been occupied in committee meetings in hearing discussions on bills of a local nature, and some of these local bills have attracted more attention and have been more discussed than any bills affecting the whole state.

For instance, a bill to establish a dispensary at Scotland Neck was several times discussed in committee meetings and consumed more time than many bills affecting the whole state.

CONGRESSMAN POW, of this district, has introduced in the House of Representatives a bill appropriating one hundred thousand dollars for the erection of a statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee at Washington City.

Our entire country would be honored by having at its capital a statue of one who was said by President Roosevelt to have been "the greatest of all the great captains of the English speaking race."

THREE men were hanged according to law in this state on last Friday. One was a negro, named Bohannon, at Greensboro, and the other two were at Durham, a white man named Hodges and a negro named Freeman Jones.

The Legislature will make increased appropriations for the support of the insane. No humane taxpayer will object to this. Both political parties have demanded it.

The disabled Confederate veterans will be helped more by this Legislature than by any preceding Legislature. A bill has been agreed on by the Senate and House committees to increase the appropriation for pensions to \$450,000 a year.

This Legislature is taking no backward step on the temperance question. It has thus far passed every temperance bill that has been introduced, and the good work of driving out whiskey stills and barrooms is steadily progressing.

THE rates for passengers on railroads will be reduced by this Legislature, but not to the same level on all roads.

The House committee has agreed on a bill for this purpose and it is now being considered and discussed in the House.

It has been shown that the two cent class according to this bill would include the Southern Railway and the Atlantic Coast Line, while the Seaboard Air Line would be in the class privileged to charge as much as two and a half cents per mile.

Representative London's Victory.

Mr. H. M. London, of Chatham, scored his first legislative victory yesterday in securing the passage of his bill to codify the law in regard to negligence of telegraph companies in mental anguish cases.

Mr. London was given a hard fight, some of the oldest and most successful debaters vigorously fighting the bill. His argument was clear, convincing, brief.

South Carolina Dispensary Abolished. Columbia, S. C., Feb. 9.—The State Senate today, by a vote of 21 to 15, passed the Carey bill, abolishing the State dispensary system and substituting a local option system between the county dispensaries and prohibition.

The House has already passed the local option bill by a large majority and the bill will become a law as soon as signed by Gov. Ansel who was elected on a platform carrying out this local option idea.

Gov. Ansel today removed from office the three members of the State dispensary board who were accused, by the legislative committee, of gross mismanagement and illegal purchases of whiskey.

Walking on Water.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 11.—Captain Charles W. Oldrieve yesterday accomplished the feat of walking on water from Cincinnati to New Orleans, 1,600 miles in forty days lacking 45 minutes, thereby winning the world's championship and a bet of \$5,000.

Oldrieve left Cincinnati January 1, at noon on a wager that he would walk to New Orleans in forty days. At the falls above Louisville he was delayed for 24 hours, and this allowance it was agreed should be computed in the time.

Oldrieve was in motion only during daylight, staying over every night at various landings. He was equipped with shoes made of cedar wood, four feet five inches long, five inches broad and seven inches deep.

The sheriff of Sampson county is a fugitive from justice, having been indicted for embezzling about \$45,000, and the county commissioners are indicted for malfeasance in office.

Interesting Letter From Cuba.

The following letter was not intended for publication, but it may interest many of our readers. It is from Midshipman J. J. London, of this place, who for several months has been on special duty off the coast of Cuba.

In camp on Medano Cay, Cuba. January 20.

Perhaps you would like to know exactly what I am here for, so I'll write out a copy of my orders, which were given me before leaving the ship:—

"U. S. S. Eagle, Pitayaya Cay, Cuba. Jan. 16, '07.

You will land this afternoon and occupy a camp on Medano Cay. Five men and Mr. M. W. Buell, Draftsman, will be under your command and a boat will be left with you.

You are to establish the latitude and longitude by astronomical observations.

You are to make complete magnetic observations. You are to establish a bench mark and observe the tides.

If time permits you are to survey and sound in the immediate neighborhood of the four cays.

Very respectfully, (Signed) Geo. R. Marvell, Lt. Comdr, U. S. Navy. Commanding.

Midshipman J. J. London, U. S. Navy."

This is our fourth day in "camp" here and I think I can begin to write you my impressions of "camp" life. I believe that under certain conditions living in a tent would be very disagreeable, as in very cold weather, or very hot weather with the added discomforts of rain.

The officers tent, which Buell and I live in, is 8 feet square, and I must say we are very comfortably fixed. Having plenty of lumber (brought from the ship) we made a plank floor for the tent, also two bunks, 18 inches high, and a desk to write on.

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This is Sunday, at least after some discussion we agreed that this must be Sunday, so we rested, though we haven't been overworking. I took my usual sights of the sun with artificial horizon.

Two Cuban fishermen, whom we have noticed sailing around in a sloop for several days, came over to visit this forenoon. They brought with them as a peace offering, two tremendous lobsters, about 2 feet long, with large tentacles.

I must not forget to mention our pelicans. I think I wrote you some time ago about having caught these young pelicans on Piedras Islands. They were brought aboard ship and kept there for awhile, then were transferred to the camp.

What is known as the "Blues" is seldom occasioned by actual existing external conditions, but in the great majority of cases by a disordered LIVER.

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a bush that grows on the bottom of the sea. It is on the margin between animal and mineral life. If I can preserve it, I intend sending it later to Prof. Cobb or some one at the University.

Nearly Suffocated by Gas.

Mrs. W. P. McCarter and daughter, Sarah, and four grandchildren, came down to Charlotte from Surry county Thursday night on their way to South Carolina.

Help was summoned, and after some time the six persons were restored to consciousness. The fact that the stove flue was open, so that the gas could escape, was all that saved the visitors.

Old-Time Negro Dead.

Uncle Nelson Starr, an old-time negro, who was well known by almost everybody, died last Sunday afternoon, aged about eighty years.

A Habit to Be Encouraged. The mother who has acquired the habit of keeping on hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saves herself a great amount of uneasiness and anxiety.

What Our Reporter Saw in New York. A recent visit to one of the largest paint factories in the world, disclosed machinery that was producing 10,000 gallons of paint, and doing it better and in time than 100 gallons could be made by hand mixing.

Martha Richardson, the fourteen year old daughter of Mr. William Richardson, a farmer of Pasquotank county, died last week of hydrophobia. A rabid cat is supposed to have bitten her several weeks ago.

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Tidal Wave Swept Village. Naples, Feb. 10.—The government has sent troops and assistance to Marina di Catanzaro, the fishing village on the Calabrian coast, where a tidal wave yesterday destroyed 122 houses and rendered the population homeless and destitute.

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By a party vote of 20 to 11 the "Jim Crow" bill was passed in the Missouri State Senate last Friday.

While assisting in moving a saw mill near his home in Moore county, last week, Mr. J. Mc. Cole fell dead while walking behind his wagon.

Robbed of \$25,000. Moscow, Feb. 11.—A messenger belonging to the government spirit depot here while on his way to a bank this morning was held up by ten armed men and robbed of \$25,000.

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