

### THE LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature will probably adjourn next Monday, and will now rush bills as is usual during the closing days of every Legislature. We fear that too much time has been lost in the earlier days of the session and that consequently many measures, that ought to have been passed, will not be passed. Chief among these are the proposed amendments to our State constitution. Everybody seems to admit that several amendments should be made, and yet not one has been agreed on. Possibly a few, one or two, may be passed yet, but we cannot expect that all will be.

The reapportionment of members of the House of Representatives among the counties of the State is as follows: Guilford, Mecklenburg and Wake three members each; Buncombe, Durham, Forsyth, Gaston, Halifax, Iredell, Johnston, Nash, Pitt, Robeson, Rockingham, Rowan, Union and Wayne two members each and the remaining counties one each.

Durham and Nash each gains a member over the apportionment of 1901, and the following counties lose a member: Beaufort, Cumberland, Edgecombe, Randolph, Sampson and Wilkes. Only a few changes will be made in the senatorial districts, nearly all remaining as they have been since 1901. Under the reapportionment Swain county is placed in the 38th district, Hoke county in the district with Cumberland and Avery in the district with Mitchell, while Edgecombe and Halifax are combined into one district with two senators. No other changes are made.

As predicted by THE RECORD the bill to issue one million dollars worth of bonds for erecting an administration building was amended in the House to limit the issue to \$250,000. The Senate had passed the bill for \$500,000 but the House cut that sum in two, and this action will, we think, meet with general approval.

An attempt was made in the Senate to put on the pension roll widows of Confederate soldiers who were married as late as January 1st, 1870, but we are pleased to note that this was defeated. The reasons why pensions were first granted to Confederate widows was because they were the wives of soldiers during the war and took care of the children and the farm at home while their husbands were absent in the army. It was not intended to apply to any widows except those who were wives during the war and were married before the close of the war. The Legislature, two years ago, let down the bars by extending the time to January 1st, 1868; that is, all widows who had married up to January 1st, 1868, could get a pension. By extending the date of marriage after the war there is no telling where the limit would be, and the small pittance now granted to women, who were wives during the war, would be reduced still smaller.

The Senate has passed a bill to establish a State school for the feeble-minded, providing for a bond issue for \$60,000 and an annual appropriation of \$50,000 for maintenance. We doubt if the House will, or ought to, pass this bill.

The "machinery" bill as introduced in the House provides a new method of assessing real estate. Whether or not this is the best method we do not know, but it is certainly a great improvement on the present method, that has been used so long and has proved to be so unequal and inadequate. The proposed method provides, in addition to the township assessors, for an assessor for the whole county who shall visit each township and assist the township assessors and thus make a fairer and more uniform valuation. It is proposed to

change from June 1st to May 1st the date for beginning to list property.

### IMPORTANT RAILROAD DECISION.

A most important decision was made last week by the Interstate Commerce Commission that greatly affects certain railroads and those who have freight hauled on them.

Some time ago certain large railroad companies, chiefly those in the West, gave notice that they would increase their freight rates, and application was made by parties interested to get the Interstate Commerce Commission to forbid such proposed increase. The matter was heard fully, and after mature consideration, the Commissioners have granted the prayer of the petitioners or applicants and have forbidden the proposed increase.

It is said that the proposed increase would have added \$27,000,000 a year to the revenue of the railroad companies and of course would have taken that sum from the shippers of freight. The railroad companies contended that such increase was necessary in order for them to improve and extend their lines and service. The Commission, in their decision, say that the western roads have increased their surplus over 100 per cent in ten years, and they further say, "before any general advance can be permitted it must appear with reasonable certainty that carriers have exercised proper economy in the purchase of their supplies, in the payment of their wages and in the general conduct of their business."

### RUSHING LEGISLATION.

Both Congress and our State Legislature are rushing business this week with most unseemly and dangerous haste. The present session of Congress expires next Saturday and must adjourn sine die on that day whether or not it has important business to transact, as is probable. Both branches are in session this week day and night and the passage of bills is being pushed as rapidly as possible, but many will fail of passage for lack of time. It now seems certain that the new Congress will be called in extra session about 4th of April, and the Representatives elected last November will then take their seats and for the first time since 1892 the House will be largely Democratic.

Our State Legislature is holding sessions not only in the day but also late in the night and bills are being passed with lightning-like rapidity, but with all their belated industry and rush many important measures will fail of passage, just as we feared from the beginning of the session. We had hoped, but really did not expect, this Legislature would improve on the bad habits of its predecessors. Instead of improving, however, this Legislature has delayed legislation worse than any of its predecessors, and rarely before has there been such an unseemly rush during the closing days of any previous Legislature.

### A Libellous History.

Special to the Charlotte Observer.  
Roanoke, Va., Feb. 27.—The greatest excitement prevails here among the patrons of the Roanoke College, as well as among the Confederate veterans, owing to the introduction of a history of the United States, which carries paragraphs relating to alleged improper relations between masters and slaves in slave days, as well as to paragraphs to vilify Robert E. Lee. The history is entitled "A History of the United States by H. W. Elson."

### Three Hundred Dwellings Destroyed.

Manilla, Feb. 25.—Three hundred native dwellings in the suburbs of Tondo were destroyed by fire today which swept the district. The Mary Johnson Charity Hospital was partly damaged and the patients had to be carried out. Eleven hundred natives are homeless.

### WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—Less than a week of the session remains and Congress will doubtless crowd as much legislation as possible in the final Saturday, and probably move the hands of the clock backward in order to secure a few minutes more time. The president will be busy on March 4th, affixing his signature to the delayed bills. Congress is working frantically in order to finish things before twelve o'clock March 4th. Men, legislators, statesmen, making laws for the greatest nation of the world, fritter the early days of the session most frivolously and then do hurly-scurly work in final fleeting minutes. So it has been, so it is, so it will be.

Whether there be an extra session called immediately after March 4th depends entirely upon the action of Congress on the reciprocity agreement which the president has made with the Canadian government. Much of the time of Congress has already been taken up listening to the selfish complaints of isolated interests—interests that have so long been favored that they imagine themselves the people and the nation. They are active and loud and like a scant brigade marching around a hill, by their activity and noise make an impression upon a one-sided on-looker of the whole army. They have their representatives in both houses of Congress, too, though some of them will not stay much longer. Bellweather Alarich is at a southern resort having, as he says, the time of his life, and Bellweather Hale, of Maine, has just seven days more, but he is playing his role of obstructionist and will play it till the curtain falls. There will be no encores as far as he is concerned. After he is out of the Senate his inability to learn or forget will hinder progress no more.

The Japanese war scare will not down. Representative Hobson parades it in that House and says there will be war with that country in ten months or long before the completion of the Panama canal. It seems that our treaty with that country of 1894 is about to expire and that the president has submitted to the Senate the text of a new treaty with Japan. Protests from California against this treaty are coming in. It appears that the exclusion clause preventing the importation of Japanese coolies or laborers is omitted from the new treaty. The situation is ugly, no matter what viewpoint one may have. San Francisco, the nerve-center of the Pacific slope, is the most intensely union labor bestridden city in the hemisphere, if not in the world. Two years ago it came near disrupting our peaceful relations with Japan by the exclusion of Japanese children from the schools. Now, after securing from Congress its approval of San Francisco for the international exposition, it is foremost in alienating Japan on whom in great part the success of the exposition will depend.

The chief signal officer of the army, General Allen, is disposed to make prompt use of the \$25,000 appropriated in the army bill for the purchase of flying machines. This country has been behind European countries in the adoption of aeroplanes for military purposes. France is the leader in the art, and now has a fleet of more than thirty fliers manned by thoroughly trained aviators. It has appropriated one hundred million francs for improvements in military aviation. As many as seven types of aeroplanes are used in the French equipment. Besides there are hundreds of aeroplanes owned by private individuals and should the time come for military operations, the French army would be strengthened by the skilled owners of these private flying-machines.

John W. Sickelsmith, Greensboro, Pa., has three children, and like most children they frequently take cold. "We have tried several kinds of cough medicine," he says, "but have never found any yet that did them as much good as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by all dealers."

### Snow in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 25.—The first considerable flurry of snow here in fifteen years gave the youngsters of the city a chance this afternoon to play a few minutes snowballing. The heights around San Francisco remained white for half an hour. Street cars were targets for the heavy bombardment and several passengers were cut by flying glass. Fresno also reports a light snow, the second in thirty years.

### Good Roads Essays.

Editor of The Record:  
The directors of the Chatham county good roads association have decided, in order to arouse interest and create greater enthusiasm in the subject of "good roads" in Chatham county, to offer a prize to be competed for by the children of the public schools of Chatham county. The children competing for these prizes will be required to write an essay on the general subject of "Good Roads," in connection with Chatham county, and I would suggest that one subject that should be discussed extensively is—"Good Roads for Chatham County and the Best Method of Attainment."

For the best essay, the directors will pay \$3.  
For the second best essay, \$2 will be paid.  
A committee of judges will be appointed later to be composed of three disinterested persons who will carefully examine all essays and make the awards. In making their awards the judges will be required to take into account the ideas contained in these essays, as well as literary merit.

All essays to be entered in this competition must be forwarded to the secretary at Gulf, N. C., on or before March 20th, 1911. All envelopes containing said essays must be marked "Good Roads Essay."  
It is the desire of the officers and directors that all the children of the public schools of the county shall enter this contest, and thus become interested in this subject, which is such an important one for this county at this time. Very truly yours,  
FRANK D. JONES,  
Secretary and Treasurer.  
Gulf, N. C., Feb. 20, 1911.

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### Husband and Wife Dead.

Special to the Charlotte Observer.  
Warrenton, Feb. 24.—The citizens of the town were deeply grieved when the information was received that Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Pendleton passed away this morning. Mrs. Pendleton's death was rather sudden, she having been sick for only a short time. Her husband, having stood by her bedside during this short illness, when death was announced, took his own life by shooting himself in the head with a revolver, only living for about half an hour.

Mrs. Pendleton was a daughter of Senator M. J. Hawkins, one of Warrenton's most popular and most wealthy citizens.

### Kills a Murderer.

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There was a destructive fire at LaGrange, in Lenoir county, on last Sunday night. Eleven buildings, most of them brick, were destroyed and the loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Success has attended the experiments in the army with typhoid vaccine. Thirty thousand soldiers have been inoculated. There have been no deaths, and little sickness.

### N. C. Wheat and Flour.

N. C. Agricultural Bulletin.  
North Carolina has 31,091,200 acres of land surface, the larger portion of which is arable. We grew wheat on 570,000 acres in 1909, which produced in the aggregate 5,415,000 bushels.

Careful statisticians have estimated that each man, woman and child in the United States consumes an average of about 5 1/2 bushels of wheat a year. If these statistics be true for North Carolina we consume in a year, basing our calculation on a population of 2,290,000, about 12,100,000 bushels of wheat. This forces us to import 6,635,000 bushels to supply the demand of home consumption.

If we should increase our yields from 9.5 to 25 bushels per acre we would supply our home demand and have 2,150,000 bushels to sell each year. This increase in yield is by no means impossible. Individual yields running over 25 bushels to the acre have been reported from many places in the State. In one case, by turning in red clover and the use of acid phosphate, on the red lands of the Piedmont section, one farmer grew 4,021 bushels on 130 acres, thus averaging over 30 bushels per acre. A number of his neighbors, by use of similar methods, grew from 30 to 40 bushels per acre on smaller tracts.

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The three-year-old daughter of Mr. Jonas Gardner, of Jenson county, was killed last week by the explosion of a piece of dynamite. It had been bought for blasting purposes, and a little of it was swept into the fireplace, where the child was standing, and exploded.

There's more Chatham in this section of the country than all other counties put together, and until the late 1900s was supposed to be barren. For a good many years the soil produced a local disease and produced heavy crops, and by constantly adding more soil with local treatment, produced a barrenness that rendered Chatham to be a barren waste, and therefore rendered conditional treatment with Chamberlain's Liniment, the only constitutional cure for the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any cure it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.  
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Having qualified as administrator on the estate of the late J. E. Perry, this is to notify all creditors of said estate to present claims to said undersigned or his attorneys on or before the 15th day of March, 1911, or this notice will be filed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and settle.  
A. CARL PERRY,  
Administrator of J. E. Perry.  
Hayes & Wynum, Attorneys.

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Lv Raleigh..... 6:35 p m  
Ar Fayetteville..... 9:35 p m  
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Lv Fayetteville..... 8:00 a m  
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Lv Raleigh..... 1:00 p m  
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