

THE LEGISLATURE.  
The Governor's Message.  
Incidents and Excidents.  
An Exceptionally Able Body.

Our Parliament of patriots are getting down to work in earnest, with no spread eagle speeches or ambition of swelling pomposity. Earnest work, retrenchment and reform are the impulses that swell all hearts.

The Governor's Message was on time on Thursday by the hands of Balues, the Cade. It is pronounced a "tame State paper," which is an equivocal compliment, suggested by the leonic message of the protuberant Governor two years ago when his utterance about the "retributions of history," and a vampire feeling of venom, revenge and cussing animated his victorious bosom. There is some effusion in the realms of poetry about the devil, who when he is a saint and a sinner. When down he was a "saint" and when in power a "devil of a saint was he." Our memory is at fault in recalling the lines. But we are sure the poet had a supernatural foretaste of Russell and Russellism when he gave life to the idea.

The message deals with public questions in a lamb-like way. He dodges some, misleads some, lies some, but he cusses neither "savages" nor Democrats. Impliedly he hits the savages who elected him between the eyes, when he apologises for having put only 8 of them in office, and utters a "false" when he says so, for he was the foster father of all the negro appointments in the machinery of the State Government that brought us to the verge of barbarism. Hand him down the rolls of time, with all his "blushing," honors thick upon him. "And well may such honors blush." Leave him alone to the "consciousness of infamy," and to the distinction of being the meanest Executive that North Carolina has ever produced.

The three leading important questions before the Legislature are the suffrage, the Jim Crow cars, and the educational taxation question. It is said to be a unit on Jim Crow and the suffrage. So are we too, partner.

The Senate is said to be a "quiet, orderly, dignified, and conservative" body. When they want to step down from their dignity and exercise their abdominal intercostals, get Tom Skinner to tell about the Boy that broke up a buzzard's nest and never had any luck afterwards—or about Lavenstein and Livenstein, the two Jew merchants, and their mail, or about the "stiff" who declined to pay his part of a Northampton drink, or about Bill Tooley and the "Tuscary Injan."

The Senate is "humping" ahead. The standing committees were appointed by the presiding officer on Friday. Senator Cowper, of the First District, is Chairman of the Shell Fish Committee. Skinner, his colleague, is on the Fish and Esheries committee. In the House Bush Leigh is on the Judiciary committee.

Senator Brown, of Columbus, has introduced a bill to appoint a special joint committee to investigate the affairs of the Penitentiary under the fusion regime. It is the stench of republican politics, and it would be a fit comment upon the "retributions of history" if the penitentiary attaches, including our distinguished Governor, should be in instead of over the penitentiary. The conventional striped uniform would put the "mister into them."

The bill to amend the charter of Elizabeth City has been introduced by Mr. Skinner in the Senate and by Representa-

tive Leigh in the House. Its passage will be the last nail in the Republican and Fusion coffin of corruption and incompetence in Beisy-Town. Vale! vale! forever more. Scott!

"Jim Crow" is prominent in the Legislative proceedings of both houses. "Jim," evidently has got to "jump Jim Crow." The suffrage bill has been introduced in the House by Representative Winston, of Bertie. It provides for an educational qualification or in its absence a property qualification of \$300, and in the absence of both it admits to the suffrage, all who voted prior to Jan. 4th 1867, or who, prior to that time was a regularly enlisted soldier of the United States, or a son or grandson of such soldier. The details of the amendment, with the routine of the old articles, with the attendant oath and punishment for forgery are provided for in the bill. The constitution as amended shall be submitted to the people in the election of 1900, and the Legislature elected in 1902 shall have authority to modify or repeal the same by the concurrent vote of two thirds of the members of each House of the General Assembly.

We understand all the provisions in the bill and approve them, except that relating to soldiers in the Army of the United States. There is probably some reason for giving the franchise to Federal soldiers and not to Confederate soldiers as well, for the ragged cohorts of Lee are worthier of the franchise from the North Carolina standpoint, than the cosmopolitan cohorts of Grant.

Hon. Isaac Smith, the Afro American representative of Craven county in the House of Representatives, of North Carolina has been expelled from the Republican caucus because he voted for the Democratic Speaker and because he denounced the leaders of the Fusion party in a newspaper communication to the News-Observer.

Williams, the worthy member from Wayne, is going for drunkards. He has introduced a resolution making it a misdemeanor to get drunk in Dare county, except in your own house. Does that apply to a man getting drunk on the beach, where fishermen often have to be wet up their necks in sea water, and sometimes land a haul of big blue fish that are worth a thousand dollars?

The late Fusion Legislature, deceased, scot, passed a wicked law, giving the dead bodies of paupers, criminals, insane and other asylum inmates to medical colleges, to be carved up. Mr. Moore has introduced a bill to demolish this monument of Republican devilry, by repealing the devilish act. Its disagreeable enough to be poor, but to be sliced up by young doctors because you are poor hurts. Thanks, Mr. Moore.

"Peg Leg Williams," (why so called we know not) came in for a share of the honors of Legislative notice on Saturday. Way yonder in '91 a bill was passed to keep "Peg" from taking our niggers out of the State. It was proposed to repeal the bill.

Tested and Tried For 25 Years

Would you feel perfectly safe to put all your money in a new bank? One you have just heard of? But how about an old bank? One that has done business for over a quarter of a century? One that has always kept its promises? One that never failed? never misled you in any way? You could trust such a bank, couldn't you?

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of COD-LIVER OIL WITH HYPOPHOSPHITES is just like such a bank. It has never disappointed you, never will. It has never deceived you, never will.

Look out that someone does not try to make you invest your health in a new tonic, some new medicine you know nothing of.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

It called up a brief debate pro and con. Our old friend, "Dirt Road Carraway," pledged himself for "Peg," and young cousin in Hen. Gilliam, followed "Dirt Road" for "Peg" and there was a host of opponents of "Peg." "Dirt" proclaimed himself for negro drummers and "Hen" declared himself for Edgcombe. "Dirt" was for "Peg" per se, but as to "Hen," it doth not appear from the debate. Representative J. H. Smith, an Afro, of the Guinea and Ebo type, locked horns with "Hen," and "Dirt" and elaborated his position by an argument partaking of the "archives of gravity." The bill to repeal was passed by a thundering big majority and sent to the Senate.

Senator Bryan, of Craven is doing his duty in restoring old New Berne, once "Athens" of North Carolina, and the centre of refinement, distinction and culture, to the ranks of Anglo Saxon supremacy and civilization. He introduced three bills on Saturday relating to the local government of New Berne and Craven county.

Senator Daniels, of Wilson has introduced a bill to divert the insurance fees that now come into the perquisites of Cy. Thompson, the Secretary of State, from him into the Treasury. This bill will clip the wings of the biggest buzzard in the department of State. It is unnecessary to say that he is a big buzzard of the Fusion party. The bill which has been notified to the Senate by Hon. Frank I Osborne, of Charlotte, is one that will be approved by every patriotic or just man in North Carolina. It is a bill to investigate Russel's removal of the two Wilsons from the Railroad Commission; one its Chairman and known to be one of the best and ablest men in our State and probably the best business railroad man in it, and the other, sometimes called "Gideon," and known as one of the poorest "sticks," that ever disgraced North Carolina.

If we were on that committee, we would say as to "Gideon" "served him right," and as to the Chaitman, we would say to you Governor: "You miserable, plethoric old leper, you deserve all the vials of your lurid wrath to be emptied on your vile, uncovered head."

Beasley, of Currituck, is on the committee on Fish Interests of which Leigh, of Pasquotank, is Chairman. Beasley has an eye to Currituck. He introduced a bill on Tuesday in regard to the Road Laws of Currituck county.

A resolution recommending that the people have the right to elect United States Senators was passed by the Senate of North Carolina on Wednesday. It would be some protection against the debauchery of money in our State Senatorial elections. But whether a change from the present mode of election taken altogether, would be a change for the better admits of doubt. In the early years we had a dignified body composed of the best men in the States, but in these latter days this is not true.

**Parsnip Complexion.**

It does not require an expert to detect the sufferer from kidney trouble. The hollow cheeks, the sunken eyes, the dark, puffy circles under the eyes, the sallow parsnip-colored complexion indicates it.

A physician would ask if you had rheumatism, a dull pain or in the back or over the hips, stomach trouble, desire to urinate often, or a scalding in passing it; if after passing there is an unsatisfied feeling as if it must be at once repeated, or if the urine has a brick dust deposit or strong odor.

When these symptoms are present, no time should be lost in removing the cause.

Delay may lead to gravel, catarrh of the bladder, inflammation, causing stoppage and sometimes requiring the drawing of the urine with instruments, or may run into Bright's Disease the most dangerous stage of kidney trouble.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great discovery of the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, is a positive remedy for such diseases. Its reputation is world-wide and it is so easy to get at any drug store that no one need suffer any length of time for want of it.

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HER NAME AT THE TOP  
"U. S. S. BROOKLYN" WENT ABOVE  
"H. M. S. SPHINX."

A Heroic Feat at Muscat by Some of Uncle Sam's Old Time Jack Tars That Thrilled the Hearts of a Whole Ship's Crew.

There was once another Brooklyn, the forerunner of the present armored cruiser, but the old Brooklyn, which, during the civil war, gained the name of the "Butcher Shop," had no resemblance to the floating fortress that hurled destruction into the fleet of Admiral Cervera.

The old ship bore a great spread of canvas and had but auxiliary steam power. Her lofty masts and creaking yards would seem singularly out of place today, but they served their purpose in their own time. Her open deck, with double row of muzzle loading, smoothbore guns, looked like a scene from a mediæval drama, and when she went to sea the flapping of the sails and the snap of the cordage were not an unwelcome lullaby to those who slept beneath her cool white decks.

This old Brooklyn sailed one day from New York, bound upon a roving cruise and came in time to the Azores islands, whence she sailed for Lisbon and Gibraltar and, passing through the Mediterranean and the Suez canal, steamed slowly down the scorching Red sea. A stop at Aden for a day or two made her ready for a journey to the Persian gulf, but when the gulf of Ormaz was reached the skipper thought to take a look at Muscat, and so the course was shaped for the capital of the son of Abraham, whose forefathers for hundreds, nay, thousands, of years, had been sheiks of the desert.

In all her journey the good ship had entered not a port where the proud cross of St. George could not be seen from the staff of a British man-of-war, but here at Muscat it was thought that at least our flag would be the only token of western civilization in evidence. But it was not so, for, as the Brooklyn rounded a high promontory that shut in the little harbor, there, lying at anchor, was seen the English gunboat Sphinx with her milk white flag floating above her.

Muscat had much that was strange and weird to interest the Americans, but neither the palace of the sultan, with its double wall, between the two parts of which are kept the tigers whose duty it is to guard the palace at night, nor the imperial harem's grim exterior, nor the gorgeous apparel of the sultan himself had half the attraction for the westerners that the grim, sheer face of the promontory that shuts in the harbor had; for there upon the bleak wall of this towering height were painted the names of many ships, and high above them all, in a place that seemed inaccessible, were the words, "H. M. S. Sphinx."

The men of the Brooklyn stared at that name day after day, until it seemed burned into their brains, and the spirit of emulation grew within them.

The night before the Brooklyn was to sail for Persian waters there were evidences of a secret movement among the crew, and after the night had fallen still and black a boat pulled off from the vessel's side, and with muffled oars made rapidly for the shore. It carried many things of various sorts, and among these a lantern, whose tiny glimmer through the slats of the boat's hatch, as it began to reach the shore and slowly began the ascent of the promontory. Now it would disappear and then glimmer again like a star of hope and comfort, and so it went slowly on, ever up and up the face of the outlined precipice.

The hours dragged slowly by, and it was far into the night when a tired boat's crew clambered slowly over the Brooklyn's side and dropped exhausted into their hammocks for a short sleep before the call of "all hands" in the morning.

The Brooklyn sailed away just as the sun began to show above the eastern horizon, and as she swung upon her course and stood for the waters of the open gulf a cheer burst from the throats of the whole ship's company. For there, in great letters of white that caught the warmth of the rising sun, far above the name of her majesty's ship Sphinx, far above the highest name of all, could be seen the legend "U. S. S. Brooklyn."

And there today, looking down upon the tiger guarded palace and the harem of the sultan, ever before the Arabs and the Beloochistanese of the tiny sultanate, still gleams the magic name that Schley and Cook once again made famous and that shall endure in history when Muscat itself shall be forgotten.—Washington Post.

**How a Frog Hibernates.**

According to Simon Henry Sage, the frog does not hibernate in leaves or the trunks of trees, but in a dry hole in the ground not likely to freeze. He scratches the hole with his hind feet and enters backward. Once inside, there is apparently no trace of the fact outside. Frogs found under frozen leaves are still able to move about. Mr. Sage has found hibernating frogs with their extremities and skin frozen, but their vital organs were still intact, and they recovered their activity on being liberated.—London Globe.

**Sweethearts.**

Mr. A. Ballard, E. A., LL. B., sends us the following from Oxford: "Your tale of the Italian prelate reminds me of the negro student who at one of our great missionary colleges was conducting family prayers, and in an outburst of enthusiasm prayed, 'Give us all pure hearts, give us all clean hearts, give us all sweet hearts,' to which all the congregation replied, 'Amen.'"—London Chronicle.

English farthings are no longer likely to be mistaken for half crowns, for now they are minted not only of a different size and design, but even of a different color, being a dull bronze.

"I never complained," once said Sa'di, the poet, "of my condition but on a single occasion, when my feet were bare and I had not money to buy shoes, but I saw a man without feet and became instantly contented with my lot."

Being asked from whom he learned his philosophy, Sa'di replied, "From the blind, because they never advance a step until they have tried the ground."

"They asked me," Sa'di writes in the Gulistan, "Of whom didst thou learn manners?" I replied: "From the unmannery. Whatever I saw them do which I disapproved of, that I abstained from doing."

**The Racket Store**  
BECAUSE OF THE RUSH

Actually had to lock doors during the Holidays and only let customers in as others would finish their shopping and move out. This we disliked to do, but the rush was so great we were forced to do it.

**Why this Mad Rush...  
...At The Racket Store?**

The answer is simple enough; and as the crowds would beat and bang for admittance we knew full well the reason. Their dollars were at stake and they knew if they gained admittance at the Racket Store some could be saved.

People have found out and are still finding out that we do all we claim to do. We began on the principle of Underselling and knew we were in position to under sell all without fear or favor, and have stuck to it from the start. Whenever we find that somebody else is selling the same article at our price, down goes our price on that article until we get it out of their reach—as our list of Sledge Hammers below will show and the beauty about these prices is that they are not made only for a special sale or special day or special week, but for every day of every week of the year (Sundays only excepted). Read them and profit thereby.

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| 50 Nice Handkerchiefs.     | 100 Yards Lace.                | 4 Linen Bosom Shirts.       | 25 Yards Black Calico.       |
| 110 Papers Pins.           | 125 Papers Needles.            | 72 Spools Hand Cotton.      | 16 Yards 10c. Dress Goods.   |
| 100 Quires Writing Paper.  | 400 Dozen Shirt Buttons.       | 8 Good Umbrellas.           | 25 Yards Cotton Diaper.      |
| 60 Bottles Best Ink.       | 25 Pair Ladies Hose.           | 2 Good Blankets.            | 14 Yards Black Satteen.      |
| 25 Pair Ladies Socks.      | 20 Hair Brushes.               | 10 Boys Hats.               | 10 Yards Flannel.            |
| 100 Cakes Toilet Soap.     | 40 Yards Yellow Cottons.       | 10 Picture Frames.          | 10 Yards Matting.            |
| 30 Yards Check Homespun.   | 33 Yards White Inseam.         | 25 Celluloid Collars.       | 5 Yards Silk.                |
| 33 Yards Bleached Cotton.  | 25 Yards White Lawn.           | 20 Large Tin Pans.          | 10 Hand Saws.                |
| 25 Yards Checked Muslin.   | 12 Yards Worstead Dress Goods. | 4 Pair Men's Pants.         | 2 Heavy Bed Comforts.        |
| 20 Yards Bed Ticking.      | 20 Yards Good Outing.          | 1 Fine Pair Men's Pants.    | 100 Money Purse.             |
| 7 Yards Turkey Red Damask. | 7 Yards Turkey Red Damask.     | 1 Good Wool Coat.           | 2 Men's Fur Hats.            |
|                            |                                | 4 Vests.                    | 16 Quard Dish Pans.          |
|                            |                                | 2 Pair Ladies Button Shoes. | 11 Good Hammers.             |
|                            |                                | 2 Boys Suits.               | 1 \$2 Fur Hat.               |
|                            |                                | 100 Boxes Blacking.         | 1 \$2 Stiff Hat.             |
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|                            |                                | 35 Yards Calico.            | 25 Men's Linen Collars.      |
|                            |                                | 100 Yards Silk Ribbon.      | 8 Yards 14-4 Sheeting.       |
|                            |                                |                             | 1 Dozen Horse Whitts.        |

**Try the Racket Store First.**  
for if you go elsewhere you might be persuaded into paying higher prices than you would have to pay at this Popular Low Price Store.

**A Curious Case of Somnambulism.**

The modern novelist is very prone to found his plots on the doings of sleep-walkers and hypnotists, but, as usual, "truth is stranger than fiction," and his efforts are outdone by actual occurrences. Here, for example, is a true story from France of a gentleman missing from his bedroom a packet containing more than \$2,000 worth of bonds. The thief could not be traced, but shortly afterward the mistress of the house, who had taken the robbery to heart even more than her husband, was taken to a doctor, for she was suffering from nervous prostration.

The doctor, a firm believer in hypnotism, was told of the robbery and, putting two and two together, hypnotized his patient and extorted a confession from her that she had taken the bonds and buried them in the garden. There, upon search being made, they were found, but the lady is as yet quite ignorant of the fact that she herself was the person who hid them.—Chambers' Journal.

**Hacking COUGH**

A hacking cough is a grave-yard cough; the sooner you get rid of it the better. Don't wait until it develops into consumption, but use the celebrated Dr. John W. Bull's Cough Syrup at once. It is a wonderful remedy for all throat and lung affections, and will cure a deep-seated cough or cold in a few days. Good for old and young.

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**Notice of Administration.**

Having qualified as administrator of the late Miss Mary B. LaBoiteaux, I hereby give notice to all persons indebted to her estate to come forward and make immediate settlement, and those holding claims against the same to present them for payment within 12 months from the date of this notice, or it will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

G. M. SCOTT,  
Adm'r of Mary B. LaBoiteaux.  
Nov. 25, 1898.

**LEG SLATIVE NOTICE!**

A P. O. notice made to the Registrar of Deeds in Raleigh, N. C., on the 1st Monday in January 1899 to record Act of Legislature of 1877, Chapter 187, and 1878, Chapter 187, and 1879, Chapter 187, Private laws 1877.

E. F. LAMB.

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I have a number of desirable building lots in Pritchard Town, Terms, \$10 cash and \$5 per month, without interest. Title retained until lots paid for. Apply to

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**Stockholder's Meeting.**

OFFICE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 8, 1898.

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**Notice.**

The Board of Town Commissioners have placed in my hands funds to repay all citizens of the town the money paid by them to Hill Humphrey for numbers placed upon their buildings. All such persons will call at this office and receive their money.

E. F. LAMB.  
Dec. 20, 1898.


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