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THE RULE OF POLITICS. Representative Julian, writing to his paper, The Salisbury Post, anticipates a busy time in both the Senate and House, this week.

NATIONAL PROHIBITION. The prohibition crusade is attracting attention at the national capital and Congress is being pressed to suppress the sending of liquor into dry States.

THAT ADJOURNMENT. The adjournment of the Senate in honor of the birthday of Samuel Gompers is attracting more attention abroad than in the State.

THE JOSS STICK. Society in this country seems to be running to the joss stick, the incense implement of the Chinese.

ROOSEVELT AS A CIRCUS ATTRACTION. We had been looking for it! The circus agent is endeavoring to secure Theodore Roosevelt as an attraction.

Part 1.—Grand assemblage of "Theodore Roosevelt's Congress of Rough Riders." Atlas is a man of original ideas and if he succeeds in landing the President he will give the country a show worth the price of admission.

THE MOUNTAIN PEOPLE. Ex-Governor Glenn is attracting attention as a missionary speaker and that is perhaps what he aimed to do.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. The school property of Cleveland, Ohio, is valued at more than \$3,000,000. The buildings cost upward of \$5,000,000 and accommodate 75,000 pupils.

AS TO ADJOURNMENT. Representative Julian is hopeful of an early adjournment of the Legislature and as signs point to these facts: "The committee on the revenue and machinery act is hard at work."

Ex-Governor Glenn is now qualified for membership in the Waldorf-Astoria Society of Tableaux Vivants Yamymmers.

In Colonel Watson, South Carolina has an able and energetic Commissioner of Agriculture. His Wittekin venture is going to lead, eventually, to a good system of immigration and meanwhile, he is working on other lines.

The Chronicle is not one of the papers that criticized ex-Governor Glenn for putting to good use that \$20-a-month appropriation for servant hire.

The battleship fleet is now doing and receiving the honors at Gibraltar and expects to be home on February 22nd, Gibraltar being the last stopping place.

While the Legislature is tinkering with the divorce laws, it is of interest to state that in North Carolina from 1887 to 1906, a twenty-year period, 7,047 divorces have been granted in this State.

Senator Frye has introduced a bill providing for the protection from fire of forests above the 2,000-foot level, by wardens to be appointed by the Governor and paid by the landowners concerned.

Mr. Taft's visit to Panama has set at rest the sensational reports about Gatun Dam, but they will soon spring something else.

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AFFAIRS IN NORTH CAROLINA

DAILY INCIDENTS, FACTS AND COMMENT GATHERED FROM THE NEWSPAPERS OF THE STATE

ASBESTOS IN IREDELL. Pennsylvania Man May Organize a Stock Company to Mine the Mineral. Stateville Mascot.

Charles Lambert, of Pittsburg, Pa., says that the asbestos mine in Iredeell county is now considered more of a success than ever before. A large amount of prospecting has been done during the past week.

\$5,000 for Seduction Under Promise. Statesville Mascot. Mr. W. L. Smith, a well-known white man of this city, was arrested this morning by Sheriff Deaton.

Did He Finish His Shave? Salisbury Post. A shooting affair in which brothers-in-law were the participants, occurred on Long street, near the Vance Cotton Mill early yesterday morning.

Will Go One Story Higher. Lumberton Robesonian. It has been decided to add another story to the office building which is being built on the corner of Lumberton Cotton Mill on Elm street.

SOUTH CAROLINA ITEMS. Bill to Repeal Lion Law May Be Decried in the Senate.

Rock Hill Record. Representative Richards' anti-lien law bill passed in the House Friday morning by a vote of 33 to 35.

Cities to Fix Price of Water, Gas and Electricity. Rock Hill Record. Senator Weston has introduced a very important bill in the Senate that will likely cause a great deal of discussion.

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Elmhurst Age-Herald. Not Yet—"Is money a drug on the market yet, Bickers? I don't know. It has never put me to sleep."

Embroideries Friday Saturday and Monday at E FIRD'S

The greatest lot Embroideries ever brought to the Carolinas in our store now, and will go on sale Friday morning.

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Mr. Gaffney Heard It Gurgled and Thought It Was an Invitation to Warm His Hands—The High Point stove Went Off Without Notice.

Mr. L. V. Gaffney, the city electrician, had quite an experience about 9 o'clock yesterday morning in his kitchen at the M. P. Cole house on North Spring street.

On account of frozen pipes at Mrs. Jones, the Bascom Hoskins place, yesterday, there came near being a fatal accident.

Little Child Burned to Death. Concord Tribune.

Saturday afternoon Mrs. M. H. Lefler stepped out of her house near the Bala, or Patterson Mill, to get some water, and closely following her was her six-year-old daughter.

HOLTON CORRECTED BY WILLIS DOWD

The following open letter is of considerable interest and is self-explanatory.

The Observer is requested to print the following open letter, which is self-explanatory.

"I am under the impression that the New York World is arranging to buy the paper. Willis Dowd told me that he was on the staff of The World and is now trying to negotiate the purchase of the paper.

Surely, my dear sir, the atmosphere of Greensboro must be surcharged with confusion and distortion or ideas, if you did indeed understand me last week at the time that I was on the staff of The New York World.

"If you will rack your memory and consider the perplexities of the local situation wherein you were greatly perturbed about the rent of your building which the paper had occupied so long time without yielding the stipulated amount for the lease, you will admit, I suppose, that there is some chance of your having been mistaken when you were prompted to make the statement above quoted.

With best regards, I remain, Yours very truly, WILLIS BRUCE DOWD.

LIFE THREATENED IN DEMAND FOR MONEY

Baltimore Man Ordered to Send Certain Sum to "G. K. B." General Delivery. Cincinnati, Feb. 2.—Peter Henning, a wealthy Baltimore man, who has been stopping at a Cincinnati hotel for several weeks, complained to the police to-day that he has received four letters from Baltimore demanding money from him and threatening his life if the money is not forthcoming.