THE GOLD LEAF.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1907.

Fares, a Flat Rate, and Needed Railroad Legislation.

Charlotte Observer.

Senator Graham of Orange, tells the Raleigh correspondent of the Observer that he is confident the Legislature will fix railroad fares at approximately 2% cents for first-class would not be satisfactory to the public. The figures suggested for first and second-class fares are about right—the cut should not, in justice, changeable mileage book at 2 cents. We are sure that Major Graham is correct in his opinion that the abolisatisfactory to the public. If there are any who favor this it is doubtless because they have not reflected deeply upon it. All are familiar with the fact that on gala day and holiday feeting the provisions of the bills. occasions, and not on these occasions alone, by any means, dranken, turbulent men, agitate and pollute the atmosphere of the second-class car, to which they resort by preference, with profanity and obscenity, and that violence is not uncommon. To think of women and children as witnesses of such scenes, and enforced hearers of the language to which they would be subjected under a one- although under the 2% cent rate they fare system, shocks the senses. For their sakes, as well as that of men to whom unseemly language and behavior are offensive, we sincerely hope the Legislature will not lend its countenance to the flat rate. We have no idea what the railroads think of this idea; that is a minor consideration; but there are several phases of the railroad question which suggest legislation while to inaugurate the ditions which would be almost calamitious for the next two years when the Legislature would, in the light of the restoration of the second-class consideration and some from choice. car. As matters which need legislais assumed-inter-State freight rates mittees and they will probably not come should be reduced, or the power to up in the senate proper this week. reduce them lodged with the corpor

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criticize President Roosevelt for disdisgraceful and murderous conduct at Brownsville, Texas, are not helpment if they had been white. The that willin all propability be done. president declares, however, that the action would have been the same fort to have the prosecution of mill men if the offenders had been of another for employing alien labor stopped.

LLEWYAM. enemies of Mr. Roosevelt must admit as much. General Robert E. Lee, as has been already explained, discharged a white command during the civil war for conduct less damnable, and there are other instances of the same character in the regular army.

President's Roosevelt's message to the senate was too clear to admit of any misunderstanding or misconstruction. He showed that he sim-States army demanded. That being true, the negro preachers should be silent. They are merely misleading their followers. The order of dismissal was unquestionably right and the president did no more than was authorized by the law of the

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proximately 2% cents for first-class and that mittee. The bill is a rigid one and some one fare at a flat rate of 2% cents of its provisions it is claimed are too

The important bills introduced early in the session by Senator Graham and be deeper than that indicated, and a others to regulate railway operation second-class rate of 2% cents would and reduce the rates of tranportation not be out of the way, with an inter- and for other purposes will be considered by the senate committee on railroads the latter part of this week and will consume several days of the sittings of that tion of the second-class car and a flat rate of 2% cents would not be distance with statistical facts and other figures, access to which is essential to the committee in dealing intelligently

say to two cents, and therefore it is al-

necessary as the separate coach or compartment for negroes, because there is always a class of white rowdies and flat rate would be to precipitate con- toughs, often more or less drunken, who ought not to be allowed to ride in the same coach with refined people, especially with the ladies. And as a rule the class mentioned will buy the second-class the experience suffered, surely compel ticket voluntarily, some from pecuniary The important bills affecting the life tion, apart from the reduction of insurance business that have so far been fares-upon which subject legislation introduced are in the hands of the com

The bills affecting child labor in cott ation commission; the powers of the ferred till later in the session. During commission materially enlarged, to the past week considerable legislation the end that it may correct manifest | was accomplished, especially in the Senabuses; and a penalty laid for failure ate, more work having been done than to properly bulletin trains, as to is customary within the first ten days. which matter the orders of the commission are openly and flagrantly islature will be called upon to do will be

The famous insane asylum case was tried here during the past week and after consuming three days ended Friday night in the acquittal of the defendants charged with the death of the patient the youngest child. Sold by Robert B. Powell. Nall. Judge Jones, however, in commenting in open court, stated that while the verdict was in accordance with evidence, which was not sufficient to convict the indicted men of murder, the evidence also clearly showed that the treat-Negro preachers who continue to ment which the patient received was "brutal and horrible." That is strong missing the black battalion for its language and Judge Jones is a manthat weighs his words. Still the treatment referred to was probably chargeable to the attendants and cannot properly be ing the cause, and the race must laid directly at the door of the superinsuffer because of the wild speech of its tendent and management of the institu so-called leaders. These preachers tion. The latter ought, however, in all take the position that the soldiers reason, to draw the check rein a little would not have suffered that punish- tighter on attendants after this, and Gov. Glenn was in Washington Satur-

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Our Raleigh Letter.

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brances of the legislature.

Among these is the Aycock anti-trust bill introduced by the senator from Wayne last Friday and which is now in

There appears to be a largely shared dispositon among the legislators, so far as the readjustment of passenger rates is concerned, to make the first-class fare two and a half cents, maximum. There is some talk of abolishing the secondclass coach and fare entirely, but I have noticed that there has developed considerable opposition to this policy within the last week. As some of the lawmakers have stated to me, a class of people would take offense if that was done, could ride first-class for less than they now pay for the inferior second-class accommodations. They would demand a second-class rate in reduced proportion, together probable that the bill when finally passed will contain that provision. Besides, I have heard senators say lately that the second-class coach is as

mills and other factories will also be de-But the amount of work which this legfound to be far greater than that of any similar body in this State in a great many years. Indeed, it is possible the governor may be called upon to prolong the stay of the lawmakers here by convening them in extraordinary session after the expiration of the sixty days to which the regular session is limited with

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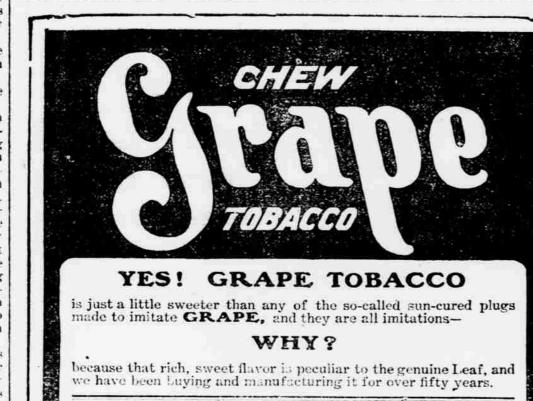
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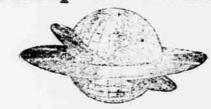
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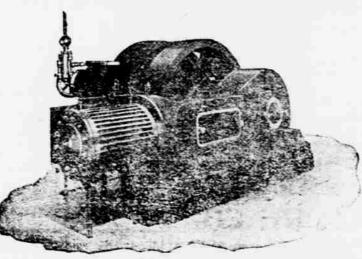
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GORMAN NEWS BUREAU, RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 4.

(Left over from last week.) I have never known the first four days of the session of the General Assembly of North Carolina in any year to have been crowded with more interest than that of the present Legislature during the past week, and the prospects are that this will be the most important and interesting session that has marked the progress and development of the State.

As in all years agone the demagogue and the political trickster is here again and their presence will be felt in both branches of the Le islature, but they are greatly outnumbered by the conscienti-ous and patriotic sons of the Old North State who have come here at the bidding of their people and the call of their State to serve them and it for the welfare and advancement of all the people and all the interests of the State that stand for its higher enlightenment and material and moral advancement. But in their views of these matters they will honestly differ and for a Legislature

made up as largely of the members of only one political organization there is going to be a wonderful lot of spirited scrapping during the next sixty days.

During the past week a number of bills were introduced that will provoke a lot of discussion. There has already been an avalanche of bills designed to "regulate" railroads and other corporations. Fully a score of bills variously worded have already found their way into the legislative hopper calling for lower passenger and freight rates, and one of them even attempts to stipulate how and in what manner passengers shall enter and leave railroad coaches. It will not be surprising at all if some Smart Alex pops up before the session is much father advanced and introduce a little bill to compell the locomotive engineers to sit on the other side of their cabs and requiring the firemen to occupy the side now held by the engineers. Same way about the radical and meddling tendency of some of those legislative sprouts with regard to other important industries. They do not confine their powers of divination to "seeing through" the naughty and b-a-a-d corporations of every kind, but will attempt to handicap the efforts that the governor and an element is making to establishing means for relieving the labor famine on the farms and in the factories of the State. And still most of them will really believe that they are doing right, therefore it does not lie in our mouth to impugn their motives with the bare possibility of an exception once in a while when he puts himself in the attitude of a stumbling block to legislaion in general.

The bills of Senators Blair and Graam and Speaker Justice and one or two others in the House will provoke a spirited contest in the committees and on most important of the character referred to as affecting corporate interests and corporate rights of public service corporations-this legislature in the formation of committees has drawn a distinction between private corporations and cor-porations in general and "public service orporations.

The Legislature will honor Gen. Lee's memory next Saturday on the 100th an-niversary of his birth and Gen. Hoke, the famous Confederate major-general, whose modesty has kept his private life since the end of the Civil war, has been invited to be present at the capitol that he may add honor to the occasion.

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The above, taken from the Daily Journal, of New Bern, of Friday last, should be brought to the attention of every member of the Legislature. Such destruction of fish should not be allowed. There should be a stringent law against it, and the law should be enforced. If the fish commissioner has not force enough at his command to compel compliance with the law as now existing or hereafter to be enacted let the legislature make provision for such a force under his command as will enable him to see that the law is obeyed or that those who violate it are apprehended so they may be properly punished. This is not by any means, the first report which has come from New Bern of such wholesale destrucction of fish in adjacent waters,

There is now complaint of the scarcity of fish in our sounds and eastern rivers. If the kind of fishing as the Journal relates is allowed to continue the fish will continue to grow scarcer until that important industry will be entirely destroyed. It is time the legislature was passing more stingent laws on this subject. It should be done for the protection of those engaged in the legitimate business of catching fish for the markets. That industry should not be allowed to be destroyed by this slaughtering of the young fish. It is a shame that this kind of fishing should go unpunished. We hope the legislature will give this matter careful attention and will come to the rescue of the men whose business is threatened with destruction by these despoilers of the sea.

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