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A HEAVY TAX.

The opera house tax law as contained in the section of the Revenue and Machinery Act passed by the House last week providing for the taxation of opera houses in the larger towns at the rate of \$400 a year is a very severe one. It is stated that it will practically ruin the amusement business in this State. This assertion is based upon the fact that there is not now an opera house in the State that can afford to pay such an exorbitant tax. There is considerable talk by the papers of the State concerning the tax and they all, so far as noted, oppose it and agree that it will be hurtful.

In referring to the tax the Greensboro Record intimates that the theatres in that town will have to go out of business, and that "Asheville and Charlotte will have to shut up shop, being unable to handle any companies as the tax is practically prohibitory." The Record could also have added Salisbury as one among the cities in the State that would have to go out of the theatre business. The manager of the opera house here tells us he would have to close the place. The proceeds of the house for a year does not near reach that amount.

The manager of a well known theatrical company tells the Charlotte News that "all the traveling companies will have to abandon this State in case this provision is passed, as they make very little money in the State now and would then play at an actual loss." Thus we add, in the language of the News, "instead of securing a large revenue the State legislators would defeat their purpose and would destroy the business, receiving no revenue whatever." The News further says, "it is hoped that it is not yet too late for the Legislature to change this provision of the act, substituting for it a fair rate of taxation that will at least enable the theatres to keep their doors open."

The SUN desires to express the same hope.

Congress adjourned at noon Saturday after an all-night session. All the appropriation bills were passed.

R. G. Dunn & Co's. weekly review of trade says the business for the past month was far the greatest ever known in February.

It seems that only a coaling station which we wanted in the Philippines was a big thing, and is making it mighty hot for Aguinaldo and the Filipinos.

The new political party, known as the Union Reform Party, is being formed in Cincinnati, composed of all dissatisfied elements of the political world.

It is not now a war between American and Spanish gans but it is rapidly approaching the date when the deadly Cuban climate will begin thinning the ranks of the American army.

A French scientist has discovered that sound travels exactly 1,088.58 feet per second. The New York World wishes to know if the above is correct why the sound of the popular outcry for the removal of Alger has not yet reached the President.

The billion dollar Congress which Reed ran in 1889, gave the Democrats the House in 1890. The last Congress spent more than a billion and a half, and launched new enterprises that will permanently increase expenditures many millions. But being a nation that shoots its principles into savages is an expensive luxury and we ought not to complain, the Raleigh News and Observer says.

The Fifty-fifth Congress, which ended its labors and existence Saturday had a career notable for the importance rather than the wisdom of its acts. The Republicans did not have an absolute majority in the Senate as they did in the House, but by management the administration carried most of the measures for which it really cared. Currency reform was ignored, but the Dingley tariff bill was enacted in 1897. Hawaii was annexed, war was declared against Spain and a treaty of peace was ratified on the expansionist lines marked out by the President. To correct the deficiency of revenue caused by the prohibitory rates of the Dingley tariff and augment the funds applicable to the war, a tax, in 1898, was imposed on tea, various new internal taxes were levied and the public debt was increased by the issue of \$200,000,000 of government bonds. A phenomenal increase of the army and a reorganization of the navy was provided for. The aggregate of appropriations in the two years of the Fifty-fifth Congress was increased by the war and general extravagance to about \$1,600,000,000, or some \$500,000,000 more than the normal expenditure. Many jobs, such as the Nicaragua canal, the Pacific cable and the shipping subsidy bill were averted in view of the impending deficit of over \$150,000,000. The Fifty-sixth Congress will be Republican in both branches, so that the policy of the President's party will, if possible, be still more thoroughly carried out in the next two years than in the two years just past. The Senate will have a decided Republican majority. In the House there will be 185 Republicans, 163 Democrats, 6 Populists and 3 Silverites.

Lieutenant Richmond Pearson Hobson will have to wait for the next congress to give him his reward for sinking the Merrimac in Santiago Harbor. The present congress has shoved the bill aside and it will not be acted upon this session. Hobson's kissing episode is said to be the cause of his being sidetracked. We are surprised that a little kissing episode will allow as great body as congress to become prejudiced against this young naval officer. Hobson deserves his reward and should have it, the Winston Journal says.

A woman will worry more when her cook leaves than she does when her husband is overtaken by some appalling financial disasters.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

Telegraphic News Condensed for the Convenience of Hasty Readers.

Two safes were blown open by robbers in Jacksonville, Fla., Saturday night and \$2,000 stolen.

Senor Silvela, the Spanish conservative leader, has accepted the task of forming a new cabinet.

An attempt at revolution in Costa Rica has been suppressed and martial law has been declared there.

Prospects are good for a hundred per cent wheat crop in West Virginia. Fruits of all kinds is uninjured.

At Lucknow, Tenn., Mrs. Mollie Clark, a widow, while in religious fervor, poisoned her three children and herself.

Gen. Henry temporarily suppressed the Democracia, a leading paper at Ponce, Porto Rico, for printing an attack on the military authorities.

Schooner Charmer, from Philadelphia for Savannah, is stranded at Onancock, N. C. The crew were saved but the vessel and cargo are probably a total loss.

Negro troops mustered out at Lyttle, Ga., threatened to burn the town. Gov. Candler wired the President, asking that a company of regulars be sent there.

It is reported from Pekin that the partition of China seems imminent and that the United States will probably prefer the province of Pe-Chi-Li, in which Pekin is situated.

At Clay Centre, Kan., five hundred men are scouring the country in search of John Gilbert, a farmer, who is suspected of having murdered his wife and four children.

Another battle took place near Manila Saturday morning. A gunboat advanced on the natives and routed them with great slaughter. One American was killed and a number wounded.

Bad Roads.

Wilmington Messenger.

One thing is specially noticeable lately in our State exchanges—the many complaints of the desperately bad roads. They are about impassable in many counties. When will the era of good country roads dawn upon North Carolina? When will the time be when from every county town will be built macadam roads leading out to all the various important sections in the county? Speed the day!

Mouse Caught by Frost.

Washington Post.

At Monterey, Va., on the morning that the mercury was playing around the 30 mark below zero Mr. Allen Armstrong went into his granary on the ground floor of which lay an ordinary wedge used for splitting rail timber. He noticed a mouse close to the wedge, and upon investigating more fully he found that the diminutive fellow's nose had come in contact with the wedge. The warm moisture on the one side and the cold steel on the other had formed an inseparable union, which held the mouse a lifeless captive as completely as if in a trap.

Atlanta Constitution: "We sunk the Spanish ships at Manila and whipped Spain from the Philippines," said the philosopher yesterday, "and now we present her with \$20,000,000 to pay her doctor's bill!"

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