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WHAT IS THE LEGISLATURE DOING?

This is the constant daily query which the people of Eastern North Carolina seek to find an answer for, and which thus far remains unanswered to their satisfaction.

The third week of the Assembly has nearly passed, and still the Legislature has made no demonstration to work along the line which the people expect them to do.

Do the members of the Assembly of 1898, already forget what they were elected for?

Would any one visit the legislative halls, and listen to the bills introduced, or read the discussions as reported having taken place in the Senate or House, imagine what issue it was which elected the men now filling the seats, representing the white people of North Carolina?

What was the issue before the people in the last State campaign, which brought out the white vote, and elected the members of the present General Assembly?

Was it the individual merit of the gentlemen now seated as members of the Legislature of 1898, which gave them their right to sit and make laws for the people of North Carolina?

Judging from the reports of the proceedings thus far, it would seem that the present Legislature was elected upon the personal merit and popularity of its individual members, and that they were responsible to themselves only, and not to their constituents.

Well may the people inquire, "What is the Legislature doing," when they read daily of bills introduced upon various matters, with not a one upon that most important issue "White Supremacy," which many of these same members made a "burning question" during the campaign, and which they promised to carry out if elected.

The Legislators at Raleigh with pleasant surroundings, and with no populace to face, may think to cover up any short comings by occasional spasms of economy, to save a dollar by reducing some official's fee, or cutting off some employe, at the same taking up time by their talking which they are paid for, at the expense of the taxpayers.

The members of the Legislature may say, "Time enough, don't worry about the negro question, we will settle it as promised."

When are you going to settle it, when those members who have axes to grind, shall have satisfied their own aims and purposes?

Was there any talk last September, October, or during the days just before the election in November, about delay in settling the negro as a political factor in North Carolina?

"Put us in the Legislature" was shouted by the candidates, "and we will at once settle this negro issue, and forever!"

which these three have filled their sections? It is not surprising that the Journal is daily asked, "What is the Legislature doing," and look up its proceedings, cannot reply.

Let the Legislature act on the issue which elected it, so that the people shall need no longer ask, that at present inopportune question of "What is the Legislature doing?"

Deafness Cannot Be Cured by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

No Wonder Jim Went. An excited little aged lady bounded into the local police station the other day and accosted the inspector on duty.

He did it. The Philadelphia Record tells of a teacher who had just finished explaining the use of the ditto marks, when she noticed one of her young scholars had copied the ditto mark for himself.

The Patron Saint of Lawyers. Who, by the way, is the patron saint of lawyers? A famous lawyer in Brittany once appealed to the pope for a saint.

To the Public. We are authorized to guarantee every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be as represented and if not satisfactory after two thirds of the contents have been used, will refund the money to the purchaser.

A Natural Deduction. Hison—Are you engaged in the same business you were in last year? Dixon—Yes, and at the old stand still.

No Novice. "Prisoner," said the court, "have you anything to say for yourself?" "What's the use?" replied the culprit; you guys wouldn't believe me."

Illusion of Love. "I'll wear my picture hat," said Grace, I answered, "What of that?" Any old hat above thy face Would be a picture hat."

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Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured in 3 Days. Morton I. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says "My wife had Inflammatory Rheumatism in every muscle and joint; her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen almost beyond recognition."

The Sure La Grippe Cure. There is no use suffering from this dreadful malady if you will only get the right remedy. You are having pain all through your body, your liver is out of order, have no appetite, no life or ambition, have a bad cold, in fact are completely used up.

Couldn't Drive the Nail. "Women would be at one great disadvantage in active politics." "In what way?" "They would never be able to nail a campaign lie."

La Grippe Successfully Treated. "I have just recovered from the second attack of la grippe this year," says Mr. Jas. A. Jones, publisher of the Leader, Mexico, Texas.

A Reminder. 'Tis but a little faded flower, Which gleamed in Daphne's hair an hour; And yeta its beauty haunts me still, For twice a week I get the bill.

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FOOD THAT INJURES. THINGS THAT AFFLICTED PERSONS SHOULD NOT EAT.

If You Have a Tendency to Gout, Show Rest as You Would Torture. A Little Advice to the Great Army of Sufferers From Gout.

Meat, for instance, is a slow poison to a number of individuals. If there is a gouty strain in your family, you are storing up future torture for yourself every time you eat a chop or piece of beef.

Nothing is more nourishing than sugar, yet it is absolutely poison to those who are prone to diabetes, and any one inclined to complacency should regard it as a natural enemy.

Attached to It. Briggs—Your roommate speaks highly of your new dress suit. Griggs—Yes, He is greatly attached to it.

The Deadly Grip. Is again abroad in the land. The air you breathe may be full of its fatal germ! Don't neglect the "Grip" or you will open the door to Pneumonia and Consumption and invite death.

Next Thing to It. Foreigner—You don't have any patents of nobility in your country, I think. Native American—I don't know. "Ambassador to Great Britain" comes darned near it.

At the Wake. Mrs. Ingerly—Good mornin', Mrs. Casey. O'm after hearin' ut wuz an illegat wake yez attinded at Doolan's night before last?

How Women May Keep Young. The real secret of youthful features in women is regular menstruation. If there is an irregularity of any nature—the menses be unexpressed or too scanty, too profuse or painful—the trouble will show in the face.

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A Forerunner of the Most Fatal Disease. Though its offensive features are sometimes almost unbearable, few people are aware of the danger of which Catarrh is the forerunner.

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Banks sent free by the Swift Specific Company, Atlanta, Ga. The importance of the proper treatment can therefore be readily appreciated. But no good whatever can be expected from local applications, as such treatment never did cure Catarrh, and never will.

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