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"No dope" means nothing doing.

Block systems should not be run by blockheads.

The Legislature has gotten down to business at last.

President Roosevelt's last message on the negro troops is a hot number.

Governor Hughes, of New York, has started out on the right direction in fighting the trusts.

No child should be allowed to work in a factory or work-shop until it is able to read and write.

The squirrel in Capitol Square Sunday were skirmishing for food. They don't seem to have had a chance at the pie-counter.

If the soldiers who "shot up" Brownsville had been white soldiers their dismissal would hardly have been noticed. It is time to "let up" on that matter.

The Legislature should pass a resolution limiting the hours of mill operatives to ten hours. That is, the hours should not be over ten. Eleven hours is too much for anybody to work.

Ben Tillman is always in the limelight. But he must have been dark with rage when he stuck his pitchfork into President Roosevelt on the negro soldier question in the Senate recently.

There don't seem to be no surplus amount of help in the Legislature this year. The News and Observer recently said that at the last session there were so many pages, etc., that they almost "fell over" each other in trying to execute an order.

There is an ordinance that all new gates shall be hung, opening on the inside, but the ordinance don't seem to be fully observed. Wilmington did the right thing—ordered all old gates as well as new ones to be swung on the inside. There are gates in this city so doty that they can't be closed. They should be unswung.

#### TILLMAN'S TILT.

It seems that Senator Tillman's championship of the discharged negro troops, is not to see the negro troops receive justice, as it was to exploit his hatred of the President, on account of the snub he gave Tillman during the visit of Prince Henry of Prussia. The snub was given on account of Mr. Tillman's utterance that he would help lynch a negro or white man who committed an assault upon a woman. But it is unjust for Mr. Tillman to abuse President Roosevelt on that account, as that incident was closed, and as the President would have done the same thing had the troops been white men. It also looks strange that Tillman would champion the negro troops when the negroes of Chicago recently threatened to assassinate him if he spoke on the race question in that city. It was at that meeting that Tillman first denounced the action of the President for his discharge of the negro troops. South Carolina does not uphold Tillman in his course against the President, especially his coarse question put to him. If Tillman would only use his pitchfork for the purpose of making hay, all would be well.

Sunday night in this city a stranger from Kentucky hired a hack and was being driven around the town, when he told the driver to stop and gave him a \$10 bill to get changed. The driver left the hack in charge of his guest and remained away one and three-quarter hours, when a policeman was summoned, who drove the hack, with its passenger, to the police station, where the driver awaited its coming. The driver gave the man his change and carried him to his boarding house. It looked like an attempt to "do" the stranger out of his money.

# THE LEGISLATURE.

# Senate.

The following new bills have been introduced:

By Mr. Drewry—To amend Sec-

tion 2770, Chapter 66, of the revisal of 1905, in reference to the Marshal of the State Supreme Court. By Mr. Drewry—To amend Chap-

By Mr. Drewry—To amend Chapter 23 of the revisal and empower County Commissioners to dispose of township and county property, etc.

By Mr. Drewry—To amend Section 2049 of the revisal and providing for the pensioning of negroes who served as servants in the Confederate Army, and as such, rendered valuable services.

By Mr. Mason—To repeal Section 2094, revisal of 1905, and enable married women to make contracts.

By Mr. Greer of Columbus—A bill to regulate the employment of telegraphers in the service of railroads, and to promote the safety of the traveling public in North Carolina.

The bill provides that all telegraph operators to be employed by railroads shall have had as much as seven years' active experience, etc.

By Mr. Seawell—To establish a new county out of parts of the present territory of Moore and Chatham Counties.

By Mr. Webb—To fix the salaries of certain State officers and provide for the office of Assistant Attorney-General of North Carolina.

By Mr. Rheinhardt—To amend Chapter 349, Acts of 1903, and add after Cleveland County the counties of Lincoln and Catawba, so as to pro-

hibit the sale or manufacture of liquors in the two latter counties also.

By Mr. King of Caswell—To prohibit appeals from magistrates' courts to the Superior Courts in minor cases, where the judgment is less than \$25.

By Mr. Mason—To amend Chapter 207 of the revisal in reference to the licensing of applicants to practice law.

By Mr. Greer, of Columbus—To prevent railroad collisions and accidents and the handling of trains by what is known as the "block system."

By Mr. Buxton—To amend Section 4991 of the revisal in relation to pensions where both an arm and a leg are lost.

#### House.

The following new bills have been introduced in the House.

Gordon—Allow city of High Point to substitute 5 per cent for 6 per cent municipal bonds. Authorize High Point to issue bonds.

Griffin—Regulate pay of jurors in Nash.

Laughinghouse—Provide for payment of bonds issued for benefit of State's Prison by authority of Legislature of 1899.

Vestal—Resolution to obtain information as to number of insane in jails and county homes in North Caroline.

Stevens—Require candidates for office to file itemized statements of campaign expenses and prevent corporations from contributing to campaign expenses.

Gilliam—Legalize official acts of John H. Hallam, a justice of the peace in Bertie County.

Davidson of Cherokee—Regulate pay of jurors and witnesses in Cherokee.

Mull—Allow Shelby to issue bonds for water-works and lights. Allow Shelby to issue bonds for graded school building.

Lockhart—Provide short form of land mortgages and deeds in trust. Provide for pay of special veniremen in Anson. Repeal 706, Laws of 1905, protecting fish in Lower Creek in Anson County. Except Anson from law prohibiting throwing sawdust in streams. Amend 816, Laws of 1905, providing for relief of Thomas C. Robinson, Clerk of Court of Anson. Appoint justices of peace in Anson. Protect pheasants in Anson.

Bolton—Amend 358, Laws of 1905, for the relief of certain Confederate soldiers, sailors and widows.

# Bill for Relief of Mr. Irvin Nall.

Friday in the House of Representatives Mr. H. M. London, of Chatham, introduced a bill for the relief of Irvin Nall, the father of the patient of the State Hospital who, over a year ago, escaped from the State Hospital here and was killed while being recaptured.

Dr. McKee, Superintendent of the Hospital here, wired to Mr. Nall as to the disposition of the body, and Mr. Nall directed that it be shipped to him at his home in Chatham. But it was necessary to embalm the body, it being in August, and very warm weather, and the charges on it, including expressage, amounted to about \$60.

Mr. Nall is an old Confederate veteran, about 70 years of age, with only one leg, and in very reduced circumstances. He had to mortgage practically everything he had and borrow what he could from friends in order to get the body of his son from the express company. The remains lay for several days unburied on that account, and the affair created much sympathy among Mr. Nall's friends and neighbors.

Mr. London's bill authorizes the Treasurer to reimburse Mr. Nall.

This matter of delayed trains has become an unendurable grievance, and something must be done to mitigate or remove it.—New York Times.

#### OPINIONS IN A NUTSHELL.

Cleveland seems to rather like being a 3-cent city.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Money may not be the root of evil, but lack of it is the full-grown tree.

—New York Press.

We still have the old jokes to remember the years that have vanished.—New York Herald.

Great is the trolley, and in the days to come it will be immeasurably greater.—New York Sun.

Nature is so contrary a man can never oversleep when he doesn't have to go to work.—New York Press.

Even in winter it may be possible to make it hot enough for an Ice Trust to dissolve it.—Philadelphia Record.

Railroad passes are now out of season, but no doubt they'll be kept on ice to some extent.—New York American.

Mr. Harriman is now a good deal better. He is able to take in a railroad or two for breakfast.—Philadelphia Record.

The Senate gentle but firmly intimates to the President that it is too old to care for pictures.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Revolt against John Sharp Williams seems to be nothing but a harmless Congressional diversion.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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That will be a restful day when Lipton has lifted the cup, and Peary triumphantly climbed the North Pole.

—Philadelphia Ledger.

General Picquart, the French War Minister, has made an extended flight in a dirigible balloon. Now it's up to Taft.—New York World.

"Thinking clubs" are being organized in Springfield, Mass. It is a movement representing a wholesome reaction. There are altogether too many talking clubs and too few thinking clubs.—New York Tribune.

Mme. Bernhardt, according to Paris gossip, is soon "to play the devil." Nothing original about that. Many women have done it.—New York Herald.

Tillman reminds Foraker that the Ohio Senator was once known as "the fire alarm." That would about put Tillman in the riot-call class.—Philadelphia North American.

The Inster-State Commerce Commission is throwing great light on the freight congestion. It says the car shortage is a calamity.—Philadelphia North American.

Now doth the seductive department store advertise floffy things for Florida, and sell milady so many of them that she has no money left to purchase her railroad ticket.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A street-car conductor sees a great many amusing things in the course of a day, but the unreasonable passengers keep him so mad that he cannot half enjoy them.—
Somerville Journal.

It is now believed that the Brownsville matter can be settled without making it necessary for Capt. Bill McDonald to swim the Mississippi River to get at Senator Foraker.— Washington Post.