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That skinning and dissecting Ray gave the County Government bill was a beauty. He is capable of doing things just that way.

Major Guthrie has been nominated by the Caucus as chairman of the Code Commission. The Republicans are to have the other two members.

Poor Capt. Kitchen; he, it is said, is to be put as near the penitentiary as the Legislature is able to put him—Superintendent. It is reported that this place will be assigned him because they don't think he will ever get it.

The Legislature has abolished State adoption for Public School books and given the power to each County Board of Education to adopt any books they may see fit for that county. Any man with ordinary intelligence can see that this is not a wise law. It has been brought about purely by book firms that wanted to get their books used. There has been no complaint among the people in reference to the present method of adoption. It will be seen that the law will be a failure except for certain book firms.

If any additional evidence was needed to show the fact that this Legislature is guided only by partizanship it will be forthcoming when they elect Otho Wilson Railroad Commissioner. He has already been nominated by the caucus and that means he is to be elected or it will be a new departure in the present Legislature. It is reported that fifteen Populists left the caucus swearing they would never vote for him but unless we are mistaken they will

repent and be his friends when he is nominated before the "Douglassites." Butler was present in the caucus and was the main supported and defender of Wilson. Think of one of the Senators of North Carolina in a caucus advocating the cause of a confessed law breaker for a position of honor and trust? A self confessed gideonite who, if he had his deserts would now be serving a term in the penitentiary. There are three things the people can never overlook or forget in this Legislature. First, the election of Butler as Senator; second a journeying in honor of Fred Douglas, and last, but not least, the election of Otho Wilson Railroad Commissioner.

FROM CUBA.

What a Pitt County Boy Saw and Heard in Cuba.

BY J. E. LANGLEY.

[CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY.]

I find to-day the thermometer at 92 degrees, while in Richmond the snow is fifteen inches deep.

Havana is a city of 300,000 people, composed of Spaniards, Cubans, Negroes and Chinese, many of whom are the lowest order of humanity. The lower strata of the citizens do not appear to make any distinction of race and mingle together in perfect social equality. In some of the larger cigar factories which I visited I saw Cubans, Negroes and Chinaman all sitting side by side making cigars. The workmen in these factories do not sing as do the factory hands in our country, but they have men who read to them continually throughout the day. These readers are paid by the operatives who make small contributions for the purpose. When one gets tired another takes his place and thus they continue hour after hour. The arrival of myself and those who the guide were showing through the factory at the same time did not stop the reader in the least, he merely raised his eyes when we entered but continued his irksome work. Of course I, like all other Ameri-

cans who visit Cuba, laid in a supply of Havana cigars which are celebrated the world over for their excellence. I found the weed much cheaper than in America and the most fastidious smoker can be pleased at a small outlay of cash, say five cents in Spanish money, which means four cents in our money.

All the amusements and life of a gay city are to be found in Havana. I very naturally wanted to see everything I could while here so I went to the Alhambra, the Tanco and the Al Basu Theatres. At the former play house my sense of morality was somewhat shocked at some of the dancing which I beheld. One of the peculiarities of the theatre struck me particularly. If the play had three acts the spectator purchases a ticket which would only entitle him to see one act. On the other hand if he cared to sit it through he could purchase a ticket for the whole performance. The admission card has a coupon for each act attached and as the act ends a man goes around among audience and collects the coupons.

The Cubans desecrate the Sabbath with those blood curdling, barbarous entertainments, known as bull fights, which have always been so much criticised by our people, and yet ever so anxiously sought by them. It is very amusing to hear the negroes speaking Spanish—they can't speak a word of English. The bootblacks, the most ready of all linguists, have but one of our words in their vocabulary and that is "Shine."

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A LOAD OFF HIS MIND.

