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**OUR RALEIGH LETTER.**

Raleigh, N. C., Mar. 6, 1905.—By the time these lines will appear in print the session of the General Assembly of 1905 will have ended.

The legislators are already packing their trunks for the return home, and to be entirely candid a good many people will be glad when they have done so—that legislators (or some of them at least) included.

It was not more than an average legislature, if so much can be said of it, and it has made some unpopular mistakes both of commission and omission. Already it has received some hard knocks at the hands of its critics and the prospects indicate that there are an unusually large number of rods in pickle for future use.

**SECURITY OF GREAT MEN.**  
The legislature of 1905 has been conspicuous to those who have watched its proceedings for the scarcity of "great men" among its members. Their absence has been painfully felt at times.

Eliminate 20 per cent of the Senate and a much smaller proportion of the House and very little brains or legislative talent or experience would be left. But that was not the most serious condition although greatly to be deplored. Many of the new men were so prone to "experimental legislation" that the wonder is that their more experienced and level headed colleagues were able to prevent the enactment of so many of the "fool bills" (and worse) that were introduced.

**BAD BILLS DEFEATED.**  
Some of them, of course, went through and are now on the statute books for two years at least—whereas so many other laws that ought never to have been passed exist. Some of the bills that deservedly met death (at times only at the eleventh hour, after having run the gauntlet of committee action and passage in one branch of the legislature) would very seriously affected property interests and capital invested in industrial enterprises in North Carolina.

**CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.**  
One of the most serious blunders committed was the absolute refusal of the committee on appropriations to make adequate provision for the pressing needs of the charitable institutions of the state—the, at present unmet for instance, especially. Less than half (or a little more than forty per cent) of the amount asked to build an addition to the Central Hospital in Raleigh, was appropriated, while not a dollar was given the Morganton hospital for increased facilities. The \$40,000 voted for a new building at the Raleigh Asylum will not suffice to erect and equip such a structure as is needed. So the chances are that the amount available will be used and the next legislature will be called in for enough to complete it.

There will be no reformatory for wayward youth in the Seales bill which passed the Senate having been killed in the House, although the bill would not have taken a dollar out of the state treasury, all of it coming from the already accumulated earnings of the penitentiary.

**WHERE CARES OF STATE SIT LIGHTLY.**

The bill reducing railroad passenger fares, which passed the House at an even more rapid clip-a-tee-clip than such bills usually go through that body, ran into a side track and was ditched in the Senate. The corporation commission is empowered to do all that the deceased bill sought to accomplish and it will probably be advertised to the fact when its services are required in that direction.

**IMPORTANT BILLS DURING 'CLOSING' DAYS.**  
During the last few days of the session some of the most important bills were disposed of, among the number being the following:

The McNinch divorce bill (printed in full in these letters last week) passed the Senate Saturday afternoon, after being amended by Senator Eller to read, "if the husband shall commit fornication and adultery." This bill had a narrow escape from death at the hands of the Senate judiciary committee last Friday, a tie of seven to seven on a motion to adopt a substitute, offered by Senator Mason of Gaston, being broken by the chairman in favor of the McNinch bill. The bill is now the law.

The immigration bureau bill, that passed by the Senate some time ago, was defeated in the House Saturday. As a sort of return of compliments the Senate the same day tabled (by a vote of two to one) the House bill changing the number of challenges now allowed the state and the defense.

The bill adjusting the South Dakota bond claim and taking up the old bonds held by the Schafers of New York, by an issue of new bonds representing 35 per cent of the old bonds and interest to the amount of \$325,000 was another of the important measures that went through finally on Saturday. Governor Glenn is to be commended for his assiduous and intelligent effort to secure this settlement on such advantageous terms to the State of North Carolina.

The bill to pay solicitors of the judicial districts a lump salary (\$2,500) instead of fees, as at present failed to pass the House.

The usual presentations of gold watches and silver services to the door keepers and presiding officers were pulled off on schedule time.

At the preliminary debate held by the College in the debate with Emory College to be held at Craven Memorial Hall, April 21, Mr. E. O. Coke of Charlotte, N. C., and Mr. E. F. Lee, of Newton Grove, N. C., were chosen. The debates heretofore held with Emory have been of a very high order and the one this year is looked forward to with great pleasure.

**The Grubb Case Removed.**

The following report of the removal of the Grubb case is taken from the correspondence of the daily papers sent out from Lexington:

Judge Bryan ordered this morning the Grubb case removed to the county. He said in his opinion he did not think the State could get a fair trial here. He gave the defense the choice of Iredele, Rowan and Randolph, and Rowan was chosen. The case is set for Wednesday of the first week of the May term. Solicitor Hammer, for the State, and E. E. Raper, for the defense, argued the matter this morning.

No application for release of Grubb on bail was made. Solicitor Hammer began the argument and briefly took up each affidavit read yesterday, and contended that the case should be moved on account of Grubb's great influence in the county and that he had agents at work trying to influence possible jurors to stand for his acquittal regardless of evidence.

As a good many references had been made in the affidavits for the defense regarding the attitude of H. B. Varner and his paper, The Dispatch, Solicitor Hammer defended the editor, and said that he had not entered into a defense of Mr. Varner; that he needed none and that his paper was always impartial. He said Grubb's treatment at the jail was something unheard of, and that he had never heard of the like before.

E. E. Raper, for the defense, in an able manner, took up each affidavit, and insisted that he had in Davidson county. He justified the treatment accorded Grubb at the jail, and said it was nothing but common humanity, and there was no reason why Grubb should be kept in solitary confinement. It was necessary for him to see his employees and relatives. He said the whole course of H. B. Varner has shown him to be unfriendly to Grubb.

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**THE REVENUE BILL.**

On Monday of last week on motion of Mr. Wood, chairman of the finance committee, the house resolved itself into committee of the whole to consider the revenue and machinery bills, with Mr. Cunningham in the chair.

Mr. Wood stated that the changes were very few besides the repeal of the merchant's purchase law. The sections were then taken up one after another and considered adopted where no objection was made. A number of slight amendments had been made, and in the following report only the changes of any real consequence are noted.

Section 24, income tax, had been amended by making commissions liable to the one per cent, on excess over \$1,000, as well as salaries and fees, and exempting incomes from commissions from the sale of leaf tobacco, cotton and other farm products. The committee's exemption was struck out by the house, after some argument, Mr. Graham of Lincoln contending against the Murphy of Bamonte and Mr. McNinch, while Mr. Biggs favored the exemption.

Section 29, circus, menageries, etc., are taxed \$300 for each exhibition where admission exceeds 25 cents. The old law was \$200 and 50 cents. Each county may levy tax at discretion of commissioners, not to exceed state tax.

Section 31, five dollar tax on lawyers, physicians, dentists, oculists, photographers, opticians, osteopaths. The committee struck out oculists and opticians from the exemptions from additional tax by any city, town or county.

Section 35, horse dealers, the committee added clause that sheriffs shall furnish to the state treasurer a list of all horse dealers in his county.

Section 36, tax on peddlers of clocks, stoves or ranges was reduced by committee from \$100 to \$25. There was considerable discussion over this and finally a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Murphy of Honesdale, Powers and Mitchell, was appointed to consider the matter, and the committee's amendment was finally adopted.

Section 41, after the old tax on livery stable keepers of 50 cents for each horse or mule for each six months, the committee added that every one operating under a livery stable license who buys horses or mules to sell shall pay an additional tax of \$25 as a horse dealer.

**SAM JONES' LETTER.**

We have been very much hindered and worried with freer, but now I believe all in all, it is worse than the freer on man and beast. I have heard of horses being watered and roads being impassable, etc., but the fellow who starts somewhere now on Georgia dirt roads will find things in shape to suit the queen's taste in the way of mud and slush and slow travel and if he has much load, to travel at all. It is now about thawed to the bottom of the freeze, and everywhere you touch it, it is soft, very soft. Wood and coal and such like is mighty hard to get. The laboring people have been knocked out of work so long that they have had little to cook, and mighty little wood and coal to cook it with. But as the good old woman said: "It might have been worse." If ever there was a time when the south ought to raise the good road question and pass resolutions unanimously on that subject, it is just about now.

I wish that the cotton convention assembled in Atlanta this week had have adopted some resolutions to the effect that they would not only have the average out in cotton, but the roads to town improved. Good roads help the rural districts and enhance values as much as railroads do for the cities and towns. Cities and towns reach each other over the railroads and the rural population reaches town over the wagon roads. It is just about as uncomfortable to ride in an old wagon over an old road as it is to ride over a rickety, dangerous railroad on a slow, uncertain train. North Georgia will never reach the limit of her values and her prosperity until every road is macadamized and all her highways are fixed for travel. It looks now like the farmers are going to cut guano and the average about 25 per cent. It may not be all their fault, but I doubt if they can put in more than about 75 per cent of the acreage that they had in last year.

I was impressed with the number of politicians that met with the cotton convention in Atlanta this week. Politicians will meet with any crowd and with all crowds that can vote. I see it announced that the North Georgia Holiness Association convene in Atlanta March 30, and the services are to be held at Walker street church. Dr. Broughton's tabernacle and Wesleyan church, three or four services a day for nine days. Atlanta ought to welcome these people and national these services. They will hear good preaching and work. I never hear the women's movement spoken of but I think of the incident where it was said four ministers sat on the train and were discussing holiness and criticizing unholiness holiness people, and the so called infidel rose on the crowd and said: "Gentlemen, I am not a Christian, and I am not a believer in the Bible, but I have read it carefully, and if the book you call the Bible is true, their criticism, holiness people, you may see the fact remains, at holiness or hell with the last man of you."

The doctrine of sanctification is as clearly taught in the word of God as the doctrine of justification. Next week I am to be down in south Georgia, Monday and Tuesday I am to be at Blakely and Fort Gaines, Wednesday and Thursday at Gainesville, Fla., Chattanooga, thence to the Mobile cantonment. We all feel better since the sunshine has come again. That is one blessed contemplation, no matter how long the clouds or rain may last we know that the sun will come and shine again.

**Cost of War.**  
What is the effect of war on a nation? It is a question that comes with a review of the Russian losses in the struggle with Japan. Only the flower of a nation goes to war. That is true in all countries. The standard of physical manhood must be high in a soldier. He must be able to endure. There is no place in the ranks for the puny, the weak and undeveloped. And so, when war comes, the very men who are dependent on to rear a strong and increasingly rugged posterity are marched out of the cities and homes, to return, if they return at all, broken, crippled burdens on the nation and on their families. According to statistics collected by the New York World, excluding Fort Arthur figures in the first year of the war 55,000 Russian officers and men died in the hospitals and were invalided home. On the field of battle close to 50,000 were killed. Of the naval force 7,500 perished, and the Port Arthur death list is fully 10,000.

So a conservative estimate gives out far from 70,000 killed, and most of them were men in the prime of life. It is claimed that the Napoleonists were reduced the stature of French men by at least two inches, and so weakened the nation that after the lapse of many years it has not recovered in the general physical ruggedness of its people. Nations, like people, cannot stand still. They go up or down. There is no such thing as stagnation. The worst feature of a war is by no means its expense or the temporary hardship and suffering it entails. It drains the land of its best blood, and no amount of money, or even victory itself, can compensate for that.—Atlanta Journal.

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