

**OUR RALEIGH LETTER**

By M. L. Shipman

Raleigh, Aug. 31.—The return of Governor McLean to the state on Sunday, August 23 was followed immediately by his plunge into official business. The situation at Sanatorium, the special term of court to try W. B. Cole, the investigation of the Department of Labor and Printing, and the investigation of the Fisheries Products Company were among the matters to receive his early attention. Except for brief items of interest there was little news in the capital city during the week. A number of state officials are on vacation and the summer period is being passed with as little effort as possible.

The Governor issued an official statement Sunday morning declaring he had investigated conditions at State Sanatorium for Tuberculars and found conditions better than heretofore, no reason for alarm, and that the turning out of patients was NOT a new policy. He criticized the Associated Press for sending out a story portraying condi-

tions at Sanatorium which focused public attention on the institution. He backed up his statement with letters from the officers of the institution regretting the impression which had gotten out. It was stated that if an emergency arose it would be cared for at any and all state institutions. The Associated Press replying to the Governor's criticism merely contented itself with reciting that its story had been issued with an official statement from Sanatorium as its basis, that fifteen days had elapsed and no denial of the story had been made until the Governor investigated the situation and pointed out that the essential facts that patients were to be turned out was not denied nor was it denied that shortage of room was the reason. The press organization added its regret that the story had been construed to mean maintenance funds were low and stated its basis for this was the statement of the superintendent of sanatorium that no funds had been provided for care for maintenance of prisoners for 1925-1927 while \$37,500 a year had been provided during the previous biennium for each year.

As the situation stands, it is apparent that patients will be required to

leave within eighteen months after they were taken into the institution or as soon as possible thereafter. The Governor's investigation has not changed the status of this order of the Board though it explained its reasons for issuing the order. The earlier press reports on Sanatorium cited this as its major fact, and it stands. Patients will be turned out of Sanatorium because of lack of room.

W. B. Cole, of Rockingham, who is charged with killing W. W. Ormond will face trial at a special term of court on September 28. The Governor called this term at request of the Solicitor. Cole, who is a wealthy manufacturer, shot down Ormond on the street of Rockingham after some disagreement because of the young man's suit for the hand of Cole's daughter.

Governor McLean ordered a chemist's investigation into the death of J. B. Solomon of Richmond county, who is believed to have died of poison. The effort will be to find out if the man was poisoned or died from food poisoning. His widow married two weeks after his death after aiding the man she married to escape trouble with the insurance money of her first husband.

King's Business College will reopen its new term this week with 200 to 250 expected. It will be the largest enrollment.

The new braille books for the school for the blind will cost \$3,000. The equipment will be standard.

The state now has 22 law suits in court totalling \$200,000, the attorney general announced; Meredith College will open on September 11 but will not occupy its new million dollar plant until after Christmas; five additional rural school supervisors have been named by L. C. Brogden, state supervisor of rural schools. They will work in Carteret, Polk, Jackson, Currituck and Rockingham counties.

Meredith College announces the opening of the fall term, which happens to be the 27th session, on September 9th and 10th, class work beginning on the 11th at the old site corner of Blount and Edenton streets. State College will open its doors about the same time with a record-breaking attendance. It is said that many of the students will be under the necessity of seeking rooms away from the college.

Insurance Commissioner Wade says the July fire losses boosts the total to \$620,693, an increase of more than \$400,000 for the last period, the result of 218 fires. A majority of the fires originated in theaters and tobacco barns, but a few major conflagrations is responsible for the heavy total.

The State Printing Commission voted to investigate charges of discrimination against Frank Grist, commissioner of labor and printing, made by Charles Ruffin, of the Capital Printing Company, three or four weeks ago. Governor McLean designated Charles Ross and J. H. Harwoos assistant attorneys general, to make the investigation and report to a later meeting of the Commission. The Commissioner says he courts a thorough investigation and that is what the "investigators" are proposing to give him.

T. Tom Taylor, John F. Thigpen, J. B. Barnhill, W. T. Stone, and E. D. Dodd, of Martin county, have been awarded \$400 each by the State for their assistance in bringing about the arrest and conviction of the mob which a few months ago took Joseph Needleman from the Martin county jail and mutilated him. Governor McLean approved the claims on the recommendation of Frank Nash, assistant attorney general.

Clarence L. Beddingfield, of Wake county, has been appointed assistant Federal Director of the State-Federal Employment Service. Vice Robert O. Pickard resigned. The position was formerly held by Miss Annie Travis who died in the service early last spring.

Announcement is made by the Governor and the Attorney General that every legal remedy available will be put in motion for the purpose of bringing those responsible for the fraudulent conduct of the Fisheries Products Company to justice. The Attorney General is assembling evidence with the view to prosecuting the parties responsible for the stupendous frauds which left hundreds of innocent victims practically penniless.

The State Highway Commission awarded contract during the week on seven construction projects, all going to the lowest responsible bidders. These projects are located in Durham, Granville, Harnett, Buncombe, Gates, Caldwell, Montgomery and Rockingham counties. A number of bids are held in abeyance pending receipt of county loans.

A rather distinguished visitor to the State is Antonio Hernandez, auditor of the Mexican Federal Highway Commission, who came here lately to study the auditing system used by the North Carolina Commission. He has been under the tutorage of Homer Peele, auditor of the State Commission, and has learned something of the North Carolina way which will enable him to improve upon the Mexican system.

The Supreme Court decides that seventy-one of the ninety-seven applicants for license to practice law in North Carolina are duly qualified for admittance to the bar of the State. Justice Varner, so the story goes, prepared the question and it is the consensus of opinion that he assembled a set of fair ones. Justice Varner has been a member of the Court for only a few months, but is concededly a very reasonable and highly capable judge.

It is announced that a sixteen weeks course in elementary accounting will be given here by the State University Extension division beginning October 2, with Professor Hearne in charge.

The contest for State Commander of the American Legion is waxing warm with Manning, of Raleigh; Stevens, of Warsaw, and Williams, of Dunn, the leading candidates. John Hall Manning, who was last year the campaign manager of Frank Grist for Commissioner of Labor and Printing, is having to answer the charge of bringing the Legion into politics, while Mr. Grist has seen fit to deny the charge

**Weak In Back and Sides**

"Before the birth of my little girl," says Mrs. Lena Stancell, of R. F. D. 2, Matthews, Mo., "I was so weak in my back and sides I could not go about. I was too weak to stand up or do any work. I felt like my back was coming in two. I lost weight. I didn't eat anything much and was so restless I couldn't sleep nights. My mother used to take

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of campaigning for Manning while ostensibly out on a tour inspecting mines. Ralph Steele, a well known Legionaire, has taken up the cudgel for Williams whom he says is in the fight to the finish.

The part taken by the Legion in the political campaign last year was displeasing to many of the members who now feel that a repetition of the tactics then employed should be sat upon good and strong. Mr. Steele puts Captain Williams above petty politics and thinks he would be the right man in the right place. In a recent statement, he had this to say:

"Reports being circulated to the effect that Capt. R. Williams of Dunn is not a candidate for Department Commander of the American Legion are false. At a meeting held in Dunn this week of representatives from the Legion posts in Harnett County plans were laid for bringing Williams name before the posts of the state and before the delegates at the Fayetteville convention. Since his candidacy was made public a few days ago numerous letters and telegrams pledging support have been received by his friends, and it appears that when the delegates arrived for the convention at least thirty or forty votes will be pledged to Williams, which will constitute a balance of power and the nucleus for a majority on a later ballot. Two hundred to two hundred and fifty votes are expected to be cast.

In putting forth Williams his backers believe that he is the man who can restore peace and harmony within the Legion, and that is the sole reason for his candidacy. For the past two or three years bitter factional fights have developed at State conventions and their effect has been detrimental through the year. Already serious disruptions are reported in posts at Raleigh and Washington. Williams has never taken part in these scraps but has worked quietly and efficiently in the interest of the Legion and the ex-service man, to the exclusion of things political."

**PROFIT IN POULTRY.**

\*Raleigh, August 31.—"While some folks may think that the hen is a useless pest about the place and consumed more than she produces the experience of Mr. Amos Templeton, of Iredell County has shown that, when properly fed and cared for, the hen returns a good profit on the investment," says R. W. Graeber, farm agent for the State College extension division.

In order to see whether the hen was profitable or not, Mr. Templeton started the first of last January to keep records on a flock of 80 White Leghorn hens. These records were kept until June 30, with the following results.

The flock was estimated to be worth \$30.00 and the expenses during the six-month period amounted to \$155.65, including cost of feed, oil for the incubators and brooders, and other incidental expenses. Including the original value of the flock, the total expense until June 30 was \$235.65.

During the same period, Mr. Templeton culled the cockerels and non-producing hens from the flock and sold them for \$37.00. He had also sold and used at home, eggs to the value of \$236.35. On June 30, the flock had increased to 281 hens and pullets, which at an estimated value of one dollar each were worth \$281.00. Adding this to the value of the eggs sold or consumed makes a total of \$554.35 from which is deducted the original cost of the flock and the expenses for the first six months, leaving a net profit of \$318.70 for the six-month period. According to Mr. Graeber, this experience can be duplicated by many North Carolina farmers if they will go to the trouble of properly feeding and caring for their birds.

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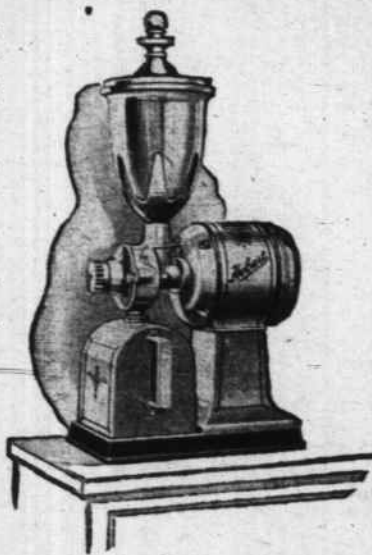
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