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LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS AND OTHER MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

The Industrial and Training school for white girls has been the subject of interest during the past few days. A synopsis of it has already been printed in the News. It has passed the Senate and was made the special order in the House for 12 o'clock Monday. When that hour arrived the galleries were filled with people who had gone there to listen to the debate, most of the audience were women, naturally as the fair sex was mostly to be benefited by the law. Several speeches were made for and against the bill. Had the bill been put to a vote Monday without so much speaking it would have passed but a motion to adjourn was made and carried and the bill went over till Tuesday as unfinished business, when coming up several amendments were offered. One by Mr. Pritchard, Republican, excluding from its privileges those who are able to pay their own expenses. This amendment was lost. Another amendment to require all who accept the privileges of the bill to pledge to teach for as long a time as she has been a student at the school. This amendment was also lost. An amendment was offered which provided that each county shall have represented in the school in proportion to the number of white girls of school age and if any county shall not avail itself of this provision applications from counties which have already their full number may be recognized. This amendment was adopted. Other amendments were offered and voted down. The bill then passed its second reading by a vote of 61 to 41. When the bill came upon its third reading a number of amendments were offered some of which were adopted. These will doubtless impair usefulness of the institution as a normal school and consequently deprive it of the aid of the Peabody fund. It now goes to the Senate with the amendments. Whether that body will accept them is an unknown quantity.

In the Senate a few days ago in discussing the resolutions relative to the Force bill Senator Waser, Republican made reference in a speech to frauds which Democrats had practiced in the east. This is a favorite subject with Republicans whenever politics have the floor, and but for this never tiring source of political thunder they would be at a loss for subject matter when they speak. Senator Bowers immediately took the young man to task for his allegations and defended Halifax and other eastern counties from the charges in a manner which quieted the young man. Mr. Waser had the grace to tell me afterwards that he had no reference in his remarks to the last election, for he said he knew it was fairly conducted because Dr. Mott, who was in the county on the election day, had told him so. Mr. Pritchard, also Republican, said the same thing in effect and further that he was glad to see the negroes dividing on political issues.

A little excitement ran through the House Wednesday on the occurrence of a spat between Capt. Peebles, and Col. Sutton. The latter had introduced a bill to charter a bank at Fayetteville, and this charter authorized the bank to receive money from married women and unions without parents or guardian and pay it back to them without being liable to the husband or persons other than the depositors themselves. The bill was referred to committee and came back to the House with majority and minority reports. Capt. Peebles submitting the minority report. Col. Sutton said that some who opposed this feature of the charter were actuated by covert motives; Capt. Peebles replied that any such statement was false. Col. Sutton rejoined that he repeated his statement and was responsible for what he had said. Under the previous question the House took a vote which resulted in favor of the majority report. The next day mutual explanations were made and hands shaken amid the applause of the House.

The charter of the Petersburg railroad will expire this year and a bill is before the Legislature to renew it. Under the constitution it will hereafter be taxed, and to preclude all possibility of evasion a clause has been inserted in the bill to the effect that the charter shall in no sense grant rights other than those permitted by the fundamental law. The House notwithstanding had the bill referred with instructions to the committee to examine whether the road belongs to the Wilmington and Weldon road and report the facts. A movement has developed on the part of citizens who live and have property in that section to ask the General Assembly in granting a renewal of the charter to require the company to rebuild and operate the road from Hicksford to Gaston. This part of the road was originally a separate road and was known as the Greenville and Gaston road. An act was authorizing the Petersburg road to consolidate with it. Instead of doing that it was claimed that the Greenville and Gaston consolidated with the Petersburg road, which is said to be an entirely different thing. The Gaston branch was abandoned after the war before it was said the traffic did not justify its continuance. Its operation would prove of vast benefit to the people now and would develop a profitable business for the railroad company in several years. I do not see how the Petersburg road can be made to rebuild the Gaston branch; it is true the charter could require it, but if the company should not choose to accept it on this condition it would be easy enough, it seems to me, for the Wilmington and Weldon road to build a branch road under its charter to the Virginia line and connect there with the Petersburg road.

The citizens of Littleton have sent up a bill asking authority to allow the town to issue bonds to the amount of \$25,000 payable in twenty years and not to be sold below par. \$10,000 of this amount is to be subscribed to a hotel, \$10,000 to some meritorious manufacturing enterprise and \$5,000 to the procuring of a new county and building a court house. It submits the question of subscription to a vote of the citizens. It is now in committee. A bill is also drawn to erect a new county from parts of Halifax, Warren and Northampton. I have seen a map of the proposed county. It is about the size of Vance county, the average width is about ten or twelve miles and its length is about twenty miles. The line begins at Ransom's bridge and runs due north to the Virginia line, taking in a slice of Warren all along its length from a mile and a half to two miles in width. Where it strikes the Virginia line it runs east about ten miles and thence a little west of south to Fishing creek, crossing the river at or near Rock Landing, about six or seven miles from Weldon. The line reaches Fishing creek about fifteen miles below Ransom's Bridge, and runs up the to the beginning. The bill provides for submitting the question to a vote of the people in the territory to be included in the new county. If the Warren and Northampton portions vote against and the Halifax portion votes for the new county then no parts of Warren and Northampton are to be taken in, but the new county is to be erected solely from a part of Halifax. A long petition will accompany the bill. Past Legislatures have been averse to making new counties, but I have not ascertained the temper of the present General Assembly upon the subject.

Among other bills of general interest which have been introduced is one directing the State Treasurer to issue bonds to the amount of ten million dollars bearing interest at four per cent. and loan the money to the citizens of the State at five per cent. interest, not more than one thousand dollars to be loaned to one man and each loan to be secured by the mortgage on real estate at half its assessed value, the county commissioners to approve the security. The bill makes no provision for collecting the loans to the people nor for paying the bonds at maturity. It will not pass.

The resolutions which passed the House instructing our Senators to vote against the Force bill were amended in the Senate so as to express the thanks of the Legislature for their continued and able opposition. A very proper change, it seems to me, as the original resolutions might possibly convey the idea to those not well informed that the position of our Senators on this important matter was doubtful. They were offered in the House to enable members to get off a little "Buncos" and it was generally so understood.

Mr. Hill has been added to the committee on Insurance and Mr. Long has been made chairman of the committee on the Election of Trustees of the University.

The plan adopted by the committee appointed by the several counties to secure legislation looking to diking Roanoke river has been formulated into a bill, which was drawn by Mr. T. N. Hill, the chairman of the committee. The bill directs the Directors of the Penitentiary to furnish to each of the counties of Halifax, Northampton, Bertie and Martin every year for five years as many convicts as they may require not exceeding one hundred. These convicts shall be at all times under the supervision and control of the Board of Directors, but the nature, character and quality of work to be done and the places where it shall be under the direction and supervision of the Boards of Commissioners of the respective counties or their agents. The expenses of transportation, maintenance and guarding of the convicts are not to be paid by the State or a charge upon the State treasury, but provision must be otherwise made for the convicts to the commissioners. The convicts are to be delivered whenever provision has been made to transport, guard and maintain them, without limit as to time.

Capt. Hill introduced in the House Friday a bill to incorporate the town of Hobgood. The bill names L. J. Wright as mayor, R. J. Shields, J. T. Savage, C. K. Bell, J. E. Lewis and E. P. Hymen, as commissioners and W. H. White as constable.

Quite a lively discussion took place in the Senate Saturday upon the bill to reduce the rate of interest to six per cent. introduced by Senator Williams, of Pitt. It had been put upon the calendar but after several speeches for and against it it was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. There is a diversity of opinion among the members of the Legislature as to the wisdom of a reduction, but it seems that a majority are opposed to a reduction for the reason that loans now out at eight per cent. would be called in and borrowers would be forced to pay up. Another objection is that State banks most of which now to re-discount their paper in New York at six per cent. could not afford to carry on business any longer and would have to close; the consequence being that the mediums through which money is now supplied to our people would no longer be available, and suffering would ensue. It is argued that money will go where it will command the highest interest, and a reduction would drive it away from the State—a result which would necessarily be injurious to the small borrowers and to those whose securities are not girt-edge.

The committee has nearly completed its labors upon the commission bill and will probably report it to both Houses Wednesday or Thursday. It is the opinion among members that there will be no fight on it when it comes up, and that it will pass substantially as it comes from the committee. The Railroad magnates have had several hearings before the committee, the result of which will be some modifications of the bill before it is reported.

There is no talk here of the personnel of the commission. It is evident that there will be a large number of candidates but very few of them care to announce themselves publicly. It is the determination to pass the bill before considering who are to execute it.

RATTLESNAKES.

SIXTEEN LIVE RATTLESNAKES TURNED LOOSE IN THE DEAD-LETTER OFFICE.

A few years ago, says a Washington letter to the St. Louis Globe Democrat, there came to the dead-letter office, a tin can on which no address was found. The can was opened and sixteen lively looking rattlesnakes made their escape.

There was a scene in the dead letter office for a few minutes. Everybody got on the chairs and tables and the rattlers were left in full possession of the floor.

Finally they were dispatched and fifteen of them were pickled in alcohol.

One was missing, but nobody knew it. It was supposed that fifteen was enough and that none had escaped.

A few days later, on a sunny afternoon, a long, sleek-looking rattlesnake crawled from among the papers in the chief clerk's office, and, unobserved, made his way to where a young lady visitor was sitting.

His snakish slyly crawled to her feet, and, gracefully winding himself about her slender ankle, tightened his folds. The young lady noticed the intrusion and, hastily looking down, saw the wily serpent, was horrified, and very properly fainted.

The rattlesnake offered no further insult or injury, but fled in alarm. He was killed and, artistically incased in a glass jar, he now adorns the cabinet.

FACE YOUR TROUBLES.

"I had plowed around a rock in one of my fields for five years," said a farmer, "and I had broken a mowing machine knife against it, besides losing the use of the ground in which it lay, all because I thought it was such a large rock that it would take too much time and labor to remove it. But to-day when I began to plow for corn I thought that by and by I might break my cultivator against that rock; so I took a crowbar, intending to poke around and find out its size once for all. And it was one of the surprises of my life to find out that it was a little more than two feet long. It was standing on its edge, and so light that I could lift it into the wagon without help."

"The first time you really faced your trouble you conquered it," I replied, but continued to enlarge upon the subject to myself, for I do believe before we pray, or, better, while we pray, we should look our troubles square in the face.

Imagine the farmer plowing around that rock for five years, praying all the while, "O Lord, remove that rock!" when he didn't know whether it was a big rock or a little flat stone.

We shiver and shake and shrink, and sometimes do not dare to pray about a trouble because it makes it seem so real, not even knowing what we wish the Lord to do about it, when if we would face the trouble and call it by its name, one half of its terror would be gone.

The trouble that lies down with us at night and confronts us on first waking in the morning, is the trouble whose proportions we do not know.

KEROSENE oil has the power of attacking and destroying spiders and other insect annoyances.

If you feel weak and all worn out take BROWN'S IRON BITTERS

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For lame back, -ill or chest, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Price 25 cents. For sale by W. M. Cohen.

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HIS LOST OPPORTUNITY.

COME QUICK, GEORGE, OR YOU WILL LOSE EVERYTHING.

It was on a Sabbath morn, and George Mordstroyed had just turned over to sleep again after making his sixth resolution to get up. But the cry, fraught with anxiety and trepidation, that came from the room below, banished sleep instantly.

It was his wife's voice—the dear girl whom he had taken from a parent's, or rather, two parents' care.

"George! Come quick!"

What could be the matter? He remembered now, with an agonized gasp, as he ripped his nightgown up to the back and put one leg into the arm of his undershirt, that Maud had fanciful derangement of the heart. Still, she could not cry like that if stricken down by—

"George! Why don't you come? Come! Come!"

In his frantic haste he had on his trousers hind part before and his shirt was a wreck, but what of that? Like a flash it came to him, the tale of yesterday told by his little wife, at which he had scoffed—God help him! A tale of a dark-browed man who came to read the gas metre, and who had behaved so strangely that Maud suspected him of being a burglar's spy. The man had come again—even now, perhaps—

"George! If you don't come, it'll be too late!"

What were collar buttons now that he should search for them? With one bound he overturned the rocking chair and smashed the water pitcher; in another instant he had collided with a half open closet door; at the third step he tripped over his suspender and came down stairs on his elbows and countenance.

"Courage, Maud!" he cried; "I'm coming."

He was only a pale bookkeeper, and unarmed save with nature's weapons, but not for a moment did he falter.

"You're too late," said Maud with a pretty pout, as George dashed into the room with fire in his eye that the blood on his nose could not dim.

"What—where is he?" he gasped, looking around with an awful faintness at the heart.

"I wanted you to see the baby," said she, in a disappointed voice. "He had his foot in his mouth, and you've no idea how cunning he looked."

To Purify your blood, Build up your nerves, Restore your strength, Renew your appetite, Cure Scrofula, salt rheum, Dyspepsia, sick headache, Catarrh, rheumatism or malaria—Take Hood's Sarsaparilla, 100 Doses One Dollar.

THE greatest piece of solid masonry of modern times is now in course of construction in the Bombay presidency. There being danger that the water supply of the city of Bombay would soon become insufficient, it was decided to inclose the watershed of the valley, which drains into the sea south of the city, by means of a dam. The gigantic structure, which will be completed in March next, is two miles long, 118 feet in height and 103 feet wide at its base. The roadway on the top is to be twenty-four feet in width, and the stonework will cost \$2,500,000. The lake of water which this dam will imprison will be eight square miles in area.

FOR DYSPEPSIA, Indigestion, and Stomach disorders, use BROWN'S IRON BITTERS. All dealers keep it. 50¢ per bottle. Genuine has trade-mark and crossed red lines on wrapper.

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Will you suffer with Dyspepsia in Liver Complaint? Shiloh's Vitalizer and Tonic will cure you. For sale by W. M. Cohen.

A GOOD FARMER.

BRINKLEYVILLE, N. C., Feb. 1, '91.

EDS. NEWS.—I wrote you sometime ago to discontinue the ROANOKE NEWS for awhile, but I find I cannot do without it. I herewith enclose \$1.00, so please send it again.

I am not a farmer but am very much interested in the subject. Having so often noticed the query, does farming pay? I would like to state a few facts in regard to the subject, which I hope will prove of some benefit to farmers in general and to those of Halifax county in particular. These facts came directly under my notice and are true in every respect. They serve to show what one man by honest work with his own hands and prudent forethought may accomplish in one year, and they ought to be very encouraging to those who are just beginning work for another year, especially those of small means.

Mr. J. H. Parker, my neighbor and friend, having risen above the discouragements of two bad crop years, commenced anew January, 1890, with a firm determination to succeed. His only team was one ox, which by the way, was not paid for in full, and he had a wife and several small children to provide for. Having first secured his year's supply from a neighboring merchant by mortgaging the coming crop, he went to work with the following result: 4 bales cotton, 30 barrels corn, 200 bushels sweet potatoes, about 40 bushels pea nuts, &c.

After having paid his store account in full, he paid \$25 rent, finished paying for his ox and bought a fine Jersey milk cow for which he paid \$25. Now he has secured and paid for all of his supplies for the next year and is ready with a smiling face for another twelve months of hard work.

What think you of that, Messrs. Editors, does farming pay?

Farmers are now all hard at work and in fine spirits. We hope for another such year as 1890.

Mr. N. M. Harrison who has been absent for several days has returned with a nice lot of horses.

With best wishes for the ROANOKE NEWS. V.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO STORE KEEPERS.

An agent wanted by a prominent N.Y. Retail House to sell first-class ready-made clothing from samples. Complete outfit free. Liberal commissions. For particulars address P. O. Box 1695, New York city. 2-5.

NOTICE.

The undersigned, having qualified before the Superior court of Halifax county on the 28th day of January 1891 as administrator with the will annexed of L. B. Holdford, deceased, hereby notifies all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to him duly verified at his office in Weldon, N. C., within twelve months from the date of this notice or the same will be pleaded in bar thereof. All persons indebted to said estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment.

This the 3rd day of February 1891. W. E. DANIEL, Admr. with the will annexed. 2-5-6w.

NOTICE.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior court made at the fall term 1890 of the Superior court for Halifax county in the action therein pending entitled G. W. Black assignee against J. M. Foote et als., the undersigned as commissioners will sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder at the court house door in Halifax, N. C., on Monday the 2nd day of March, 1891, the following lot or parcel of land lying situate and being in the town of Weldon, county of Halifax, State of North Carolina fronting on Plummer street beginning at James L. Bass' line running north with said street to the land formerly owned by the Roanoke Navigation Company thence in a southerly direction of the said Roanoke Navigation Company to said James L. Bass' line thence in a westerly direction with said Bass' line to the beginning.

This February 2nd, 1891. R. O. BARTON, Jr., W. E. DANIEL, Commissioners. 2-5-td.