

## LEGISLATURE DEEP IN FLOOD OF BILLS.

### Governor Personally Delivered His Message

### BEFORE JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE.

What he Advocates, Wants Capitol Building Enlarged, Increased Appropriation for Infirm, Railroad Rate Regulated.

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I have never known the first four days of the session of the General Assembly of North Carolina in any year to have been crowded with more interest than that of the present legislature during the past week, the prospects are that this will be the most important and interesting session that has marked the progress and development of the State.

As in all the years passed the damogogue and the political trickster is here again and their presence will be felt in both branches of the legislature, but they are greatly outnumbered by the conscientious and patriotic sons of the Old North State who have come here at the bidding of their people and the call of their state to serve them and it for the welfare and advancement of all the people and all the interests of the State that stand for its higher enlightenment and material and moral advancement.

But in their views of these matters they will honestly differ and for a legislature made up so largely of the members of only one political organization there is going to be a wonderful lot of spirited scrapping during the next sixty days.

During the past week a number of bills that will provoke a lot of discussion have been entered. There has already been an avalanche of bills designed to regulate railroads and other corporations. Fully a score of bills variously worded have found their way into the legislative hopper calling for lower passenger and freight rates and one of them even attempts to say how and in what manner passengers shall enter and leave railroad coaches.

The legislature will honor Gen. Lee's memory next Saturday on the 100th anniversary of his birth and General Hoke, the famous Confederate major general whose modesty has kept him in private life since the end of the Civil War, has been invited to be present at the capitol that he may add honor to the occasion. At Trinity College there will be impressive ceremonies on the same day and that high priest of pulpit orators, Dr. John C. Kilgo, will deliver an address on the life of General Lee that is certain to be one of the best ever listened to by our college boys and all others fortunate enough to hear it. College exercises will be suspended on the same day till February 1st, when the spring term proper begins. During the interim, intermediate examinations will be held.

Senator Simms will be renominated for United States Senator by the Democratic caucus which meets tomorrow night without opposition.

The much discussed "Nail case" is scheduled to be taken up in the Superior Court here today, but at the time this letter is mailed nothing definite can be stated as to the result. This is the case in which four attendants at the Central Hospital for the insane here were indicted more than a year ago on the charge of causing the death of a patient named Nail, from Chatham county.

The delivery of Governor Glann's personally conducted message to the legislature was an unqualified success for the Governor and the biggest end of the legislative body, despite the objections filed by several in opposition to the "innovation."

The Governor's message was delivered Thursday, and the whole was broad and logical, though his position on the reformatory was not accorded the approval of the body, nor the people.

Probably the most notable feature is a recommendation to issue bonds to the amount of two million dollars, to be used in enlarging and repairing the buildings used for the care of the State's afflicted. And also to enlarge the State house.

He recommends that the law be amended so that property shall be listed at its money value, which

would increase the tax valuation to a billion dollars.

To require railroads to pay tax on property at same valuation as they borrow it. To abolish second class fare and reduce rate to 2-1-3 cents per mile.

To regulate hours of Railway employes. Empower corporation commission to control telephone and express companies.

To require insurance companies to invest in solvent North Carolina securities an amount equal to 50 per cent of the premiums.

Rigidly regulate the sale and use of cigarettes, opium, cocaine and similar stimulants, allowing its sale only on prescription. Compel all officers dealing boys with whiskey, cigarettes or opiates to require the boys to tell where they got them and punish the party who gave or sold them. Have soda fountains inspected to prevent the sale of "slope drinks."

### STATE HOSPITALS FOR INSANE.

The message endorses the requests of each of the three institutions, additional room and increased yearly allowance for the hospital at Morganton, the privilege of buying 1,100 acres adjacent to its lands for \$55,000 by the hospital at Raleigh and Eastern Hospital for negroes at Goldsboro.

He suggests that the penitentiary building, no longer regarded as necessary for the keeping of the state convicts, be converted into a hospital for the epileptic and dangerous insane, that is, if such a plan is found feasible by a competent committee.

### SALARIES.

Increase the governor's salary to \$6,000. Also increase salaries of attorney general and superintendent of public instruction. Increase wages of department employes at least ten or fifteen per cent. He says his own expenses as governor have been at least \$1,500 more than his salary.

### CRIMINAL PROCEDURES.

To guard against fraud and tampering with jurors by unscrupulous lawyers, require that lists of jurors drawn be kept secret and have the sheriff, without disclosing the jury list, to quietly summons jurors to court. In trial of capital cases instead of allowing the prisoner twenty-three peremptory challenges, limit him to six and the state to four. Have fewer exemptions from jury duty. Authorize the trial judge to send to an adjacent county to summons jurors.

### IMMIGRATION.

Re enact sections 2199 and 2200 of the code, creating an immigration bureau, and provide a fund of \$10,000 annually for prosecuting its work.

### JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

Vote an additional \$25,000 appropriation, making \$55,000 in all for the state representation, so that a showing commensurate with the dignity of the state may be made thoroughly advertising her resources. The state building will cost \$18,000; and its maintenance \$1,200, leaving only \$10,000 of the original \$30,000 for installation of exhibit, hence the necessity for the additional \$25,000.

### STATE NATIONAL GUARD.

Increase the salary of the adjutant general to \$1,900, and require him to reside in Raleigh. Allow each company co-commander \$100 for looking after the property of the company. Increase the military fund to \$22,000.

### PUBLIC ROADS.

Enact a general up to date road law allowing any county or community to vote on the issuance of bonds, the state to aid in roadbuilding in every possible way.

In conclusion, the governor recommended that "lo-bystis" be rigidly excluded from the floors of the house and senate, as "they retard legislation, are often a menace to the enactment of good laws or the repeal of bad ones."

Benj. S. Moffitt, of Moffitt, was painfully injured while loading logs at his mill in Cotteridge township one day last week. His injuries are not serious however.

## MURDERED FOR MONEY.

### Milton Bundle Victim of Foul Play at Star.

### BODY PLACED ON RAILROAD TRACK.

### Unknown Assassin Believed to have Secured Several Hundred Dollars; Four Hundred Found Pinned Inside of Coat.

The details of a terrible crime committed at Star, in Montgomery county last Thursday night, was brought here by visitors in Asheboro Sunday.

Milton Bundle, aged about sixty years was murdered and robbed there Thursday evening by unknown persons, and his body placed on the railroad track in the hope to thus conceal the crime. Bundle had been seen during the day with several hundred dollars on his person, it being carried in two or three small wallets. Soon after the vestibule passed Star, about 7 o'clock, the body was found by the track. The investigation by the coroner disclosed evidences of foul play. About \$400 was found pinned on the inside of his coat, but the wallets, which had been seen on his person during the day had been removed. The body had been knocked some distance from the track by the train, and badly mangled but the head showed signs of having been split open by some sharp instrument. Mr. Bundle's hat was found a short distance from the track, also cut by a sharp instrument; his eye glasses and a pencil were by it. A puddle of blood on the track suggested the conclusion that the body had rested there and bled before the train threw it from the track. These facts prompted an examination of the premises around, which resulted in the finding of an axe, covered with blood, which clinches the verdict of the coroner's jury of murder.

There has as yet developed no clue to the guilty party.

Mr. Bundle was a married man, with a family. It was generally known that he carried money on his person. He was not addicted to drink.

### NARROW ESCAPE.

### Clinton Hayworth Painfully Injured In a Runaway.

Clinton Hayworth, son of Sheriff Hayworth, was painfully injured in a runaway, a short distance North East, of the city Friday evening. He had stopped his team at a branch to water his horse when a little colored boy dashed by on horseback. Mr. Hayworth's horses started and when he seized the lines the wagon was thrown against him, knocking him down. The wagon loaded with about 800 pounds of meat passed over his shoulder and across his arm and leg. Fortunately no bones were broken. Dr. Moore, whose horse the negro was riding was called and dressed the wounds.

### Trinity High School.

The Trinity High School (Old Trinity) re-opened after the holidays, Monday Jan. 7th, with a good enrollment. The faculty is now composed of seven teachers, two vacancies caused by the resignation of Prof. J. T. Henry and Miss Elizabeth Whitehead, having been filled. The spring term bids fair to be a successful one.

Rev. B. F. Hargett, pastor of the M. E. church at Trinity and Financial Secretary for Trinity High School is acting head master for the spring term. Prof. N. C. English of Trinity is instructor in mathematics and Miss Ora Huckabee, of Albemarle, is in charge of the primary department.

### Religious Paper Moved to Greensboro.

The office of publication of The Christian Sun, the official organ of the Southern Christian Convention, has been moved from Elon College to Greensboro. The editor, the Rev. Dr. J. O. Atkinson, will remain in Elon College, where he has had his office since he assumed the work.

### Shadow Reports True of the Substance.

The shadow reports true of the substance. There are no doubtful fore-shadowings of your inner self.

## GOV. ELROD'S VIEWS APPLAUDED

### But One Opinion of the Bond Inquiry.

### STATE SHOULD REFUND.

### Senator Kittredge and Representative Martin of South Dakota, Take Same Position—Other States Refuse to Countenance Wicked Schemes.

(By Thomas J. Pease.)

Washington, D. C. January 11th.—The action of Governor Elrod, of South Dakota in recommending to the Legislature in his annual message the return of the \$25,000 that came into the possession of that State as the result of the bond litigation against North Carolina attracted wide attention in Washington. It was the subject of much favorable comment at the Capitol, not only on the part of the North Carolina Senators and Representatives, but those from other Southern States as well.

New York, Illinois and other States refused absolutely to become the collecting agencies for the bond schemers and Shylocks who are threatening litigation against all the Southern States for the recovery of the face value of the worthless reconstruction bonds, and Governor Elrod has given a death blow to their ambition. If it is in his power he will wipe away from his State the opprobrium that attaches to it as the result of the manipulation of former Senators Pettigrew and Marion Butler. They schemed and planned the whole transaction by which North Carolina was forced to pay the New York bondholders, using South Dakota as a collecting agency.

United States Senator Kittredge, of South Dakota, is in full accord with the action taken by Governor Elrod.

## SURPLUS \$338,082

### Amount of Available Balance in State Treasury.

### Recommendations of the State Treasurer—Banks Should Pay Interest of State's Money—School Loan Fund.

A few weeks ago it was stated that when the new General Assembly came to Raleigh they would find for the first time in many years, a comfortable sum in the State treasury—a sum something like 300,000. This statement was denied by other papers.

The report of State Treasurer Lucy, which has just been received from the press, shows "an actual available balance of \$338,082.60. The Treasurer does not recommend, but the legislature should pass an act requiring these banks holding State funds to pay interest on the same. In those States which have considerable balances enough money is derived from the interest account to pay the expenses of the State Treasury Department.

### THE STATE DEBT.

A statement by the State Treasurer shows that the total debt of North Carolina is \$6,873,450 of this, \$2,720,000 draws interest at six per cent and the balance at four per cent. The State owns stock in railroads which at the present ruling market value would pay all the State owes. In addition to the above debt, the State issued \$110,000 when the Democrats came into power to pay the debt incurred by Radical management, extravagance and the like, and \$60,000 of bonds issued to the county State Prison farms. The legislature must make provision for the payment of these bonds. Inasmuch as they were issued on account of the State Prison, the legislature should and no doubt will direct that \$17,000 of the \$280,000 surplus in the hands of the Prison Board be applied to the retirement of these bonds.

### LOANS FOR BUILDING SCHOOL HOUSES.

The following statement shows the sums loaned from the permanent school fund to the counties to build school houses:

Alamance, \$7,740; Alleghany, \$2,880; Anson, 2,990; Ashe, 1,770; Beaufort, 6,350; Bertie, 450; Bladen, 941; Brunswick, 840; Buncombe,

3,000; Burke, 1,710; Cabarrus, 3,850; Caldwell, 3,145; Camden, 915; Carteret, 2,114; Caswell, 450; Catawba, 4,007; Chatham, 1,495; Cherokee, 3,610; Clay, 200; Cleveland, 4,228; Columbus, 6,350; Craven, 1,609; Cumberland, 1,750; Currituck, 970; Dare, 1,940; Davidson, 4,000; Duplin, 5,315; Durham, 1,450; Edgecomb, 360; Forsyth, 810; Franklin, 2,341; Gaston, 7,595; Gates, 425; Granville, 1,570; Greene, 1,530; Guilford, 9,300; Harnett, 4,615; Haywood, 860; Henderson, 3,750; Hyde, 1,150; Iredell, 1,067; Jackson, 900; Johnston, 5,307; Lincoln, 690; Macon, 1,515; Madison, 1,600; McDowell, 880; Mecklenburg, 4,900; Mitchell, 1,745; Montgomery, 442; Moore, 1,412; Nash, 1,763; Northampton, 3,840; Onslow, 1,492; Orange, 1,294; Pamlico, 4,015; Pasquotank, 652; Pender, 1,735; Perquimans, 740; Pitt, 8,380; Polk, 200; Randolph, 9,000; Richmond, 1,742; Robeson, 5,950; Rockingham, 1,460; Rowan, 4,885; Rutherford, 2,390; Sampson, 2,680; Stanly, 2,113; Stokes, 2,110; Surry, 3,150; Swain, 2,735; Transylvania, 3,242; Union, 1,480; Wake, 5,785; Warren, 2,245; Washington, 1,250; Watauga, 820; Wayne, 3,384; Wilkes, 3,088; Wilson, 800; Yadkin, 826; Yancey, 1,579; total, 217,183.

He estimates that the income for the State for the coming two years will be \$31,954,158; that expenditures will be \$3,505,680; leaving a surplus for the two years of \$448,478. These estimates are made up on the basis of present assessments of property for taxation and present appropriations. Of course the State's revenue will be increased and appropriation will doubtless be increased.

### MR. CONE RECEIVER.

### Greensboro Man Takes Charge of the Odell Manufacturing Company.

Judge Boyd in United States Court Monday afternoon, signed an order appointing Caesar Cone, of this city, receiver for the Odell Manufacturing Company, owners of the Odell Cotton Mill at Concord, N. C. Mr. Cone is directed to continue the operation of the mill.

The liabilities of the company are given at \$500,000. The amount is due various concerns, banks and individuals, the greater amount to parties in North Carolina. The assets are the building, machinery and material on hand, etc. The mill was erected and equipped at a cost of more than \$1,000,000. Mr. Cone visited the mill Saturday and says that it is in splendid condition.

This action was precipitated by the failure last week of the Southern Mills, at Bessemer City, in which a number of the principal stockholders of the Odell Manufacturing Company are interested. The mill at Bessemer City was closed down Thursday night and as a result exaggerated reports of the bad financial conditions of the concerns were circulated.

The Odell Manufacturing Company was organized in 1879. The capital stock has been increased from time to time until it now amounts to \$600,000. The plant has 44,000 spindles and 1,800 looms. J. M. Odell is president and W. R. Odell secretary and treasurer of the company. W. R. Odell was in the city yesterday on business connected with the appointment of the receiver.

### \$100,000 REALTY CO.

### S. E. Teague, Formerly of Asheboro, Treasurer of Florida Company.

The Apalachicola Times announces the organization of the Florida Coast Realty Company, with fifteen charter members. Among them we note S. E. Teague, son of W. J. Teague, of Asheboro. The company has a capital stock of \$100,000 and has acquired 9000 acres of land, adjoining Apalachicola. In referring to the personnel of the company the Times says S. E. Teague, who is treasurer is also Cashier of the Apalachicola State Bank, Notary Public, Treasurer of the Board of Trade of Apalachicola, General Agent of Saxon & Lewis, General Agent of Saxon & Barnes Naval Stores, Director Capital City Bank, Tallahassee.

The first session of the Sabbath Observance Convention is in session at Greensboro. Nearly all of Randolph's Methodist Episcopal Ministers are attending, their district meeting being also in session at West Market church.

## ASHEBORO GROWING.

### Every Enterprise Reports a Prosperous Year.

### OPENING FOR ALL KINDS OF MANUFACTURING.

### Many Declare Dividends—Capital of Bank Increased, Manufacturing Concerns Improving Equipment.

Several of Asheboro's Companies have held their annual stockholder's meetings during the past week and without an exception the reports of the secretaries have shown the past to be a most prosperous year.

The activity in manufacturing enterprises, the continual transfer of real estate and erection of nice dwellings in Asheboro, bears out the assertion that this town is destined to be reckoned with in summing up the commercial and manufacturing interests of the Piedmont section of North Carolina.

Asheboro has an admirable location for manufacturing concerns, best of all for wood working plants, and knitting mills for underwear and hosiery, would pay a handsome dividend. Our most prosperous "back country," which is unsurpassed by any section of the state in agriculture, offers a great inducement to mercantile establishments of the highest order, as for instance exclusive furniture stores, implement stores, wholesale drug and hardware stores, etc.

In a few weeks our handsome new graded school building will be completed, providing the best facilities for educating the children of those who are seeking homes with surroundings in keeping with the requirements for the moral, religious, and intellectual development.

Among those who have reported their annual meetings is the Bank of Randolph. Its meeting was held in the office of the bank, January 10th. The usual dividend of 5 per cent was declared and by a vote of the stockholders, the capital stock was increased from \$16,000 to \$21,000, or 33-1-3 per cent. The officers of the institution are O. R. Cox, President; W. J. Armfield, Sr. Vice President; W. J. Armfield, Jr., cashier and J. D. Ross, assistant cashier.

Another meeting was that of the Asheboro Wheelbarrow & Mfg. Co., held Wednesday, January 9th. This company declared a dividend of 10 per cent, and elected the following officers:

President, E. Moffitt; Vice President, Nixon Presnell; Secretary and Treasurer, J. T. Moffitt; and directors Messrs. Benj. Moffitt, E. H. Morris, W. J. Armfield, Jr., E. Moffitt and H. E. Moffitt.

The company is installing new machinery for making handles for their wheelbarrows and will also be equipped for making handles of every description.

### Ministers Meeting.

The Randolph County Ministerial Association, at the M. E. church met in Asheboro Monday morning. Among the visiting preachers were Rev. B. F. Hargett, of Trinity; Rev. C. M. Campbell, of Randleman; Rev. C. A. Wood, of Raurer; J. W. Ingle, of Farmer and Rev. R. L. Melton, of Worthville.

The Association is planning the organization of a home mission society among the churches in the county, which will have for its work the extension of the church work in Randolph.

### Marriage Announcement.

The following announcement will be of interest to the many friends of Robt. Dicks, in Asheboro:

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dozier Lee request the honor of your presence at the wedding reception of their daughter Lydia Dozier and

Mr. Robert Peete Dicks on the evening of Wednesday the twenty-third of January one thousand nine hundred and seven from half past seven until nine o'clock at their residence Sumter South Carolina.

The marriage will be solemnized at 7 o'clock.

### W. C. T. U. Meeting.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the Academy this (Thursday) afternoon at 4 o'clock. Full attendance is desired. Mrs. A. H. WORTH, Pres.