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Legislative Committees Behind in Their Work.

BILLS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

Anti Trust Measures Will Be Taken Up This Week--Rate Bill Still Alive--Whiskey Receives Some Attention--The New County.

Gorman News Bureau, Raleigh, Feb. 11, 1907.

The Legislative committees are very much behind in their work, about three hundred bills being now in the hands of the Senate committee alone on which there have as yet been no reports made.

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RAILROAD RATE BILL.

The railroad passenger rate bill will get a hearing in both branches probably within the next week or ten days.

FREIGHT RATES.

The more important matter of the regulation of freight rates and prompt delivery of freight and the prevention of discrimination against North Carolina points in these matters will come up later.

FOR THE INSANE.

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LIQUOR DISCUSSED.

There was more time consumed in the Senate during the last week or ten days in the discussion of the

liquor question, or rather several phases of the liquor question, than on any other subject, a fact which proves that the Watts and Ward laws have not removed the matter of local differences on the liquor question from the halls of the state legislature to the local county and municipal ballot boxes.

The warmest and most feeling speeches yet made in the Senate this year were delivered during the past week by Senators Buxton, of Forsyth, Klutz, of Rowan, and Reid, of Rockingham, on the demerits of the Burton bill to make it a crime in the state for a person to drink too much liquor.

LEE COUNTY ASSURED.

The map makers may as well add the new county of Lee to the state, as the bill creating the county (one of portions of Moore and Chatham counties) which passed final reading in the Senate last Saturday is sure to go through the House.

THE PAGE LIBRARY.

One of Aberdeen's Proud Possessions Now in Full Operation.

Aberdeen, Feb. 12.—Page Memorial Library, which was formally dedicated on January 26, was opened to the public February 2. The building, which occupies perhaps the best site in Aberdeen, is of artificial stone, with red tiled roof.

WANTS TO REGAIN CHURCH PROPERTY

W. O. Jones of High Point Sues Friends for Church Property and \$10,000 in Damages.

Dr. W. O. Jones of High Point has brought suit against the North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends for possession of the old yearly meeting house and a number of acres of land surrounding it which was recently sold by them to R. H. Wheeler.

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CONDENSED NEWS

BUSY READERS.

The Telephone company will hold its annual meeting Friday night of this week.

Friends of Hon. Locke Craig, of Asheville, are responsible for the announcement that he is seriously thinking of entering the gubernatorial race.

The monument to be erected in Atlanta, Ga., to the memory of the late President Spencer, to the Southern, by employees of the road, will cost \$50,000.

Gov. Glenn delivered an address in Salisbury last Sunday morning on "The salvation of young people and how it can be accomplished" and at night he delivered a temperance lecture. A fight on prostitution is looked for in Salisbury in the near future.

S. G. Leonard, better known as "Bud" of Lexington, was arrested at Richmond a few days ago for vagrancy. He had five \$20 notes on his person. Recent railway baggage tickets there have played no strange manner suspicious. Leonard admitted being a gambler, and has operated on the race track for years.

Mr. J. C. Hutchinson, a cabinet maker of Salisbury, sometime ago resurrected an issue of the Boston Journal of July 3, 1865. It has much interesting matter among prospective fourth of July blessings, has a tirade on the cause of thankfulness that besieged Boston.

Rowan Commissioners are also burdened with petitions for better roads and they also find it impossible to cope with the weather man in road work. The road force was divided at their last meeting and distributed over the county.

The Friends meeting house at High Point has been sold to Homer Wheeler, of that place. The sale was confirmed last week by the Friends Permanent Board. The land will be sold in lots.

Coroner Richmond, of Concord, went to Kannapolis a new mill town near Concord Friday to investigate the death of a negro found lying by the road. Foul play was suspected, but the Coroner pronounced the death due to heart failure.

The High Point Organ and Piano Co., is installing a 50 horse power motor and two transformers, on account of the increase in business.

The Southern Mining Co., of Gold Hill, Rowan county, has been planned for organization, but it has been halted on account of the effort being made to secure the passage of bills in Legislature detrimental to mining interests.

Chas. L. Jones has resigned as principal of the Mechanicsville Graded School, and accepted position in Postoffice at Greensboro.

The State Normal & Industrial College announces its commencement orator Hon Martin Grove Brumbaugh, of the University of Pennsylvania.

Miss Grace Welborn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Welborn, at High Point, died last Wednesday night of catarrhal fever.

Jno. D. Rockefeller last week gave to the Rock Board of Education, of New York \$32,000,000. This follows a gift of \$11,000,000 a few days ago.

The mayor of Greensboro will in a few days put all police officers on examination to ascertain their familiarity with the city ordinances.

The body of A. D. Millie, a prominent farmer of Anson county, was found in a pond near Wadesboro Saturday. He had been missing for a week.

Friday night a shooting scrape took place in Lee Flake's Hall, a place of amusement for colored people at High Point, and as a result Jim Jordan is mortally wounded with a 32-calibre Lall in the hands of Ben Smith. Both parties are colored. Smith has been arrested and is in jail awaiting developments. The quarrel was due to whiskey, and started over a trivial matter.

Raleigh News and Observer says the rope used in the hanging of Hodge and Jones, at Durham, has been the instrument of death to six men in the State.

Martha Morton, a negro cook,

was arrested Saturday morning Feb. 9th in Greensboro, charged with murdering her child, which was born Thursday night. She confessed her guilt and says she choked the child to death. Her act was discovered Saturday morning when she was carrying the child away to bury it.

Miss Winifred Snow left last Thursday to spend the remainder of the winter months in Florida. Miss Blanche Bradshaw left several weeks ago for points in the same State. —High Point Items.

Mrs. G. A. Burns and John W. Ingold, of Fayetteville, were married at the home of the bride last Friday. Mrs. Burns is the widow of the late Sheriff Burns, of Cumberland county.

Forty weavers and machinists in the employ of the Salisbury cotton mills walked out Friday following a demand for an increase of two cents per cut in wages. This was not granted by the mill and the strike followed. The working of the mill is but slightly affected. The management claims that the plans of the strikers will be filled at once.

A number of prominent business men and capitalists of Anson county have inaugurated a movement to procure a charter for a railroad to be run from Wadesboro, N. C. to Lancaster, S. C.

Messrs. W. B. Smoot and Bismark Capps, two licensees of the recent Supreme Court, have formed a copartnership and it will be known as Smoot & Capps. They will open their office in Salisbury.

Miss Pattie Foster of Roanoke, Va., and E. Leles Mayor, of Thomasville, were married at Greensboro in August last. The marriage has been kept a secret, and when the invited guests gathered at the home of the bride to witness a marriage the minister surprised them by reading the certificate bearing the August date. Miss Foster was visiting in Greensboro at the time.

SACRED CANTATA.

February 22nd Has Been Decided As The Date.

STORY OF ESTHER, THE BEAUTIFUL QUEEN.

Will Be Presented at the Academy Next Week--Synopsis and Cast of Characters.

The story of Queen Esther is one of the most beautiful in all literature. She was a Jewish Maiden, born in Persia during the captivity of the Jews. On account of beauty, rare accomplishments and womanliness, she was chosen by the Persian King to be his wife and Queen. Haman the favorite Minister of the King, hated Mordcai the Jew, because he refused to bow down to him, and not knowing that Mordcai was the Uncle of Queen Esther, he obtained permission of the king to have all the Jews in the province put to death. Esther, at the risk of her life goes to the king and asks for the life of her people. He grants her request, Haman is hanged and Mordcai, the Jew is raised to a position of honor. There are songs of praise and rejoicing from the Jews for their deliverance. The beautiful Cantata of Queen Esther is this story in song. It is to be given in the Academy on the evening of the 22nd of February, for the benefit of the Randolph Chapter United Daughters of The Confederacy.

Below is a list of the singers and the Persians Represented.

Esther, the Queen—Mrs. Kephart; Ahasuerus, the King—Mr. J. A. Spencer; Haman, the King's Councillor—Mr. T. Redding; Mordcai, a Jew—Mr. Martin; Zeresh, Haman's Wife—Miss Richardson; Mordcai's Sister—Miss Annie Blair; Prophets—Miss Annie Blair; A Median Princess—Mrs. Stedman; A Persian Princess—Miss Treva Rush; Scribe—Mr. Tom Betts; Hegai—Mr. Way; Hegai—Mr. Grady Miller; Herald—Mr. Davis; Harbonah—Prof. Staley; Haman's Child—Lillian Hendricks.

Chorus. Miss Hendricks, Miss Spencer, Miss Lura Hendricks, Miss Lizzie Ferrer, Miss Stimpson, Miss Mollie Rize, Miss Erwin, Miss South Fox, Miss McAlister, Miss Louise Slack, Miss Auman, Miss Rosa, Miss Minnie Hoover, Miss Coffin, Miss Laura White, Miss Lanta Winslow, Miss Crowson, Miss May Dickson, Mrs. Allie Worth, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Clarence Rosh, Mr. Daniel Sharp, Mr. Henry Robbins, Mr. E. Hatch, Mr. Leo Barker, Mr. Shilon Stedman. Charlie Kephart, Wayland Hayes, Pages, Mrs. W. H. Moring, Mrs. C. C. McAlister, Accompanists.

HAUSER-TOMLINSON.

Beautiful Marriage at High Point--Bride, a Favorite in Asheville.

The marriage of Miss Annie Tomlinson to Mr. Charles Hauser, at High Point, was solemnized in the Church of the Friends Tuesday evening.

All High Point society was alert for the event, and long before the appointed hour friends of the popular couple began to gather at the church which was beautifully though simply decorated. The decorations included palms, evergreens, garlands and wreaths, cut and pot flowers, the arrangement excellent in taste.

Proceeding the ceremony Miss Rosa Fox, accompanied on the organ by Miss Cathrine Griffin, sweetly sang "Because God Made You Mine."

The strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding march announced the arrival of the bridal party. The scene as they approached the altar and waited the beautiful ceremony, during which the bride was given away by her mother Mrs. Annie F. Tomlinson, was held by the solemnity of friends with feeling of solemn pleasure.

The bride was beautiful in a gown of white lace over taffeta and train, the veil caught up with ribbons of the valley, and carrying a shower bouquet of lilies and bride's roses. The bride entered with Mrs. Tomlinson, who wore black chiffon and taffeta.

Miss Alvin Parker, sister of the bride, as dame of honor wore white chiffon and taffeta and carried white carnations. The bride's maids were Miss Berta L. Ragan maid of honor, Miss Edna McCubbin, of Salisbury and Miss Cammie Lindley, of Greensboro. They wore cream crepe de chine and carried pink roses.

The groom's attendants were Mr. Virgil A. J. Idol, of High Point, best man; Mr. Alvin Parker, High Point, first groomsmen; and Messrs. Westcott Robinson, Frank Boyler, Will Jones, Allen Tomlinson and Robert Morrow were the ushers.

The beautiful ceremony of the Methodist Episcopal Church was used, Rev. S. J. Hilliard assisting Rev. Eli Reece.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Hauser left for a tour of Florida and other Southern states. The bride's go-away gown was a lovely blue suit of broad cloth.

Leading up to this union Miss Tomlinson and Mr. Hauser have been recipients of several delightful affairs to honor their approaching nuptials. Last Friday night Miss Berta Ragan entertained with her wended grace and delightfulness. The guests were assembled in the beautiful home on Main street when the bridal party met in mutual congratulation.

Mrs. Alvin Parker received in honor of her sister at a reception. The rooms were decorated throughout with hearts emblematic alike of the month, the season, and the approaching occasion. Last evening Mrs. Arthur Lyon entertained those who participated in the ceremony, at an informal course luncheon.

INDICTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

Sampson County Grand Jury Completes Investigation of County Finances.

The Sampson County grand jury, which has been investigating the condition of the county finances as a result of the failure of A. W. Aman, the sheriff, has returned an indictment against Sheriff Aman for embezzlement of state and county funds to the amount of \$45,000 and also the former board of county commissioners for failure to settle with the sheriff, and the present board for turning over the books with out a settlement, from the sheriff and failure to require bond for school fund.

Sheriff Aman has not been seen since his assignment January 26th. His bondsmen have arranged to pay \$5000 due the state for taxes.

Lassiter Land & Lumber Co.

At a meeting of the stockholders the Lassiter Land and Lumber Company, which was held Monday night in Greensboro, Rev. W. W. Grisom was elected president, F. B. Hicks secretary and treasurer and E. C. Lassiter, general manager. The company was recently chartered with an authorized capital of \$30,000, \$20,000 of which is paid in. The company has purchased a large tract of timber land in Cumberland county and will operate a number of sawmills there.

MURDERERS HANGED.

Three Men Died on the Gallows Friday.

CRIMINALS WARN WITNESSES AGAINST INTEMPERANCE.

Frank Bohannon, Colored, at Guilford Jail, and J. H. Hodge, White Murderer, and Freeman Jones, Colored, Burglar Meet Death on the Scaffold.

There were three legal executions in the State Friday last week. Frank Bohannon, murderer of Foreman Beachman, of the double tracking force of the Southern near Jamestown in Guilford county, was hanged at Greensboro at 11:53. Just a few minutes before in Durham John H. Hodge, who murdered his wife, just a year ago, and Freeman Jones, colored, who was convicted of burglary and sentenced to death, faced death on the gallows.

At Durham's well as at Greensboro the executions passed off without any sensational features, the condemned men maintaining their nerve until the last, meeting their fate without a tremor.

In their confessions from the scaffolds the prisoners sounded a warning against intemperance and evil associates, declaring these had caused their destruction.

On the scaffold Hodge said: Boys, I want to tell you all I am ready to go. God rests with my soul. God help all whiskey drinkers. There was nothing wrong with me, but that I have done what God's laws says should not be done, and in all this I am getting justice. I pray that whiskey will be put down. It has been my curse and the curse of wife and children.

History of Hodge Case.

The crime for which John H. Hodge was hanged was committed at Durham February 24th of last year.

Hodge shot his wife to death in the little home in West Durham, the crime being committed Saturday about midnight. After the killing Hodge went down the street and was arrested. The first question he asked after being arrested was: "Is she dead?" When told that she was he said that he had accomplished his purpose and that he was satisfied.

At first he said that he was willing to pay for his crime with his life and refused to have lawyers, but later his niece of Danville, employed counsel. The only defense that could be made in the trial was that he was so drunk that he did not know what he was doing and that he was not competent to premeditate and plan the crime. He was sentenced to be hanged on June 27 but the appeal acted as a stay of the sentence of the court.

JONES' CRIME.

Jones entered the home of Mrs. Jack Barker, of East Durham, on June 18th last. Barker, who is about sixty years of age, and her aged mother were alone at the time. After getting into the house at 3 o'clock after he dragged Mrs. Barker in to the yard and attempted criminal assault.

CRIME FOR WHICH BOHANNON DIED.

On the 31st day of last July, while a gang of workmen, under Foreman Beachman, were grading for the double tracking of the Southern Railway near Jamestown, in Guilford county, Frank Bohannon, a former employe, who had been discharged suddenly appeared with a double barrel shot gun in one hand and a pistol in the other. Drawing the gun on Mr. Beachman, he began forcing and abusing the entire official white force at the camp, and finally told Beachman, if he moved in his tracks, he would kill him. The foreman quietly asked the infuriated negro to leave and not make trouble. Beachman, perhaps unthinkingly, stepped forward, and Bohannon fired. He died in a few minutes.

Bohannon was arrested in Danville a week or two later. He admitted the killing, without hesitation, but said that he was induced to do it by Kiser Crutchfield and his son Oscar, who lived in the neighborhood of the camp. The Crutchfields were arrested and placed in jail. At the trial Oscar Crutchfield was acquitted. Kiser was convicted of murder in the second degree, and was sentenced to the State's prison for life, and he is now serving his sentence.

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