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LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS

A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT BILLS ARE NOW COMING IN—A BILL INTRODUCED TO CLOSE THE SESSION IN 40 DAYS

There was quite a stir in the legislative bodies Friday when the financial embarrassment of the Jefferson Turnpike Company was mentioned. If the company doesn't pay the \$7,000 indebtedness the State must lose its \$63,810 invested in labor. This discussion came upon the heels of Henry A. Page's bills to end the convict leasing system. Until Friday there was small doubt that the body will do with the Page proposals. Militant opposition from all quarters had developed. The papers had spoken out from many counties. The question now is whether the State will put up the money for the judgment against the road or throw away its \$63,000 of the \$73,000 stock.

Advocates of some of the roads now being helped by the State do not take quite so serious a view of it, though admitting the moral effect of the blow. They think it possible to show that some of the roads in the west traverse as fine a territory as is and that at least three of them will be handsome property in the years to come. These advocates feel themselves isolated from the remainder of North Carolina and reason that the State should be patient, that it took years to make profitable some of the properties elsewhere in the State and that having paid their part of the taxes for these institutions the west should have some consideration.

The third week of the general assembly which began Monday at noon found more than 200 bills introduced. Two of the most important bills to come before the house are the primary act and the child labor law.

Senator Miller has introduced a bill giving the women of the State the right to act as notaries public. Senator McMichael, of Rockingham, spoke in opposition to the bill. Not many heard the senator's speech, but a few did and they have passed it down the line. Fragmentary criticism of it has a large number of them who can almost find in the Rockingham statesman's remarks cause for personal affront. Perhaps less feeling would be shown had the ladies listened directly.

The senator doubted the average woman's capacity for keeping the faith, so the story goes from woman to woman, and he recited an instance according to their version, in which a stenographer who took testimony in a case was beguiled by a lawyer into correcting the evidence and inserting in the record testimony that did not come out in the examination. Senator Bachman Miller, bachelor and lover of the ladies, replied that it was strange that nobody had heard what should have happened to a lawyer of such rascality as that, the man's offense, thinks Mr. Miller, being much worse than the woman's. But Senator McMichael is "agin the movement" and the women here are "agin" Mr. McMichael.

The notarial bill is expected in the house some time this week. Its author feels flattered in getting it through his body. He is a freshman in the legislative school and the senate has many old heads in it who do not take readily to new things. In the house are some strong opponents of the feminist movement. However, the use of the notarial seal is not of the feminists' feminine. It was begun by the men who have hooped it far and wide often for a notary and found him not.

The first of the Farmers' Union recommendations went to the House by resolution Tuesday. Representative Freeman, of Mecklenburg, introducing the demand for a state-wide primary.

Resolutions asking for a repeal of the crop lien law, the segregation of lands and for a rural credits measure of some kind are scheduled to follow the state-wide primary. The farmers met last week and through their executive committee framed four appeals to be used by the committee at the current session.

The Senate left all the thrills to the lower house. In the bigger body the contempt bill of Representative Allen passed without any opposition but after an amendment that gives no protection to defendants now in trouble. The act forbidding the use of firearms to children under 14 years of age through with marvelously little trouble. Representative Williams, minority leader from Cabarrus, was not certain that the act was good and speaking from personal experience only declared that he was a better shot and as safe with a gun at 13 or 14 as he is now.

Capt. T. W. Mason, Northampton's Representative, introduced a joint resolution calling upon the state's Congressional delegation to aid in abetting the oath of loyalty to the Union necessary to proceed in civil matters against the government.

The captain was moved to do this by North Carolinians and others who ushered for the foraging of the Federal troops and lost much that in nowise was his fault. To prosecute such claims a citizen must declare that he was loyal to the Union. The Yankees who faced the patriarch from Northampton will testify that he was not loyal then. The present oath makes impossible any start to collect these claims.

The House indulged itself in long debate for the first time. The privy examination of women caused it. Though such champions as Henry Page, R. A.

BIG LOSS BY FIRE

STORE OF MESSRS. D. A. AND G. H. CORNELISON, WITH ENTIRE STOCK OF GOODS, BURNED TO THE GROUND SUNDAY MORNING. LOSS ABOUT \$11,000—PARTLY INSURED

Sunday morning at five o'clock, Mr. Oscar Lassiter, who was sleeping in a tent in the yard near D. A. and G. H. Cornelison's store at Seagrave, discovered fire coming out around the stove flue of the store. He gave the alarm and by the time help arrived practically the entire inside of the store was in flames. No one dared venture inside as a considerable quantity of powder and oil was kept in the store and an explosion was expected at any minute.

The store house and the entire stock of goods was entirely consumed by the fire. The stock of goods was such as carried in all general stores, groceries, hardware, clothing and staple goods. A large supply of new goods had just been received. Not an article was saved from the store.

The firm had made arrangements to take an inventory of the stock on hand. The last inventory showed that the value of the stock of goods was about \$10,000 and it is thought that about the same amount was in stock at the time of the fire. The building was valued at something like \$1,000 which makes the total loss about \$11,000. Only one-third of this amount was covered by insurance.

Mr. Cornelison informs The Courier that arrangements are being made to re-build as soon as possible. A temporary office has been erected in which to carry on the business of the firm.

The loss to these gentlemen was heavy and the people of this entire section sympathize deeply with them.

OUR FIRST MOONLIGHT SCHOOL

Harnett county has struck the first blow against illiteracy in North Carolina with a moonlight school.

About ten miles west of Lillington, the Leaflet school has a session every Wednesday night.

The day teacher, Miss Bessie Knight, gives her services without charge and serves about twenty-five men and women in their struggles to secure the blessings of an education.

The aim of the school will be to supply deficiencies in the practical education of the people.

Twenty-five prisoners from the illiteracy army have surrendered. The war will continue, without destruction of life and property, until the entire forces of the enemy have been captured.

What county will be next to enlist its forces for liberty in this year of freedom?

New York—A satchel with a revolver concealed in the handle has been adopted for the use of bank messengers and collectors.

Doughton and Captain Mason spoke against the custom, which Representative Bowie characterized as "principle, not custom," the bill met defeat and inspired more applause therefor than any other. Governor Doughton spoke with tremendous force and Bowie with great skill.

Rufus A. Doughton, of Alleghany, heads the finance committee; Gallatin Roberts, of Buncombe, the committee on appropriations, and in the allotment of these biggest of positions in the house the west fares well.

If Henry A. Page had the "got left" feeling when Speaker Wooten named Mr. Doughton, the statesman from Moore did not betray it. He has perhaps a more important commission as the head of the insurance committee, though that lacks the rank of the finance organization. Mr. Page set about a few weeks ago to minify the size of newspaper headlines in ecstasy over reduced insurance rates and he traveled but a short distance before discovering that rates have on the whole been reduced.

Mr. Page's place on that committee will please everybody not in the business Wednesday's doings in the house were varied. Mr. Doughton offered a resolution to adjourn the session within 40 days. No debate was expected, because the resolution went to the committee on rules. Until the agitation began it seemed probable that an early adjournment might take place, but old heads declare that every suggestion of early quitting is the unflinching harbinger of working overtime.

To the list of beneficiaries at the hands of railroad companies and other public transportation corporations Representative Stacy, of New Hanover, would put the active preachers of the State. That bill was offered Wednesday morning and has been sent to the proper committee. The half-fare act would not be repealed. Ministers would simply avail themselves of bigger concessions.

Representative Fred W. Bynum, of Chatham, today offered a proposition to cut North Carolina courts into three seasons of four months each thus allowing judges to spend four months in a district. Mr. Bynum's purpose is to allow a jurist to complete the State circuit within his single term of eight years. Just now he cannot do so. It takes ten.

Representative Thomas, of Anson moved to make judicial procedure more progressive and less complicated. He wants two Superior court judges, one Supreme court justice and two able lawyers to simplify matters and commend them to a body for a vote.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND

LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS GROWING—RUTHERFORD COUNTY SENDS CAR OF CORN—CAN'T RANDOLPH DO THE SAME THING?

Following contributions have been received by Randolph County Committee:

Previously reported	\$41.75
Mrs. W. F. Ellis, Trinity	\$1.00
Mr. J. I. White, Trinity	\$1.00
Mrs. E. L. Moffitt	\$2.00
Rev. R. E. Powell	\$2.00
Miss Annie Gregson, Spero	.50
Miss Sarah Gregson, Spero	.50
Total	\$48.75

Corrections
In noting last week's subscriptions credit was given Mr. W. J. Gregson for \$1.00 which should have read \$2.00. The total amount, however, \$41.75 is correct as can be readily seen.

Also Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Johnson should be given credit for \$2.00 subscription, the initials having been incorrectly given.

County Committee
Asheboro, Messrs. W. R. Julian, W. J. Armfield, J. S. Lewis, C. C. Cranford, D. M. Sharp, Rev. C. L. Whitaker, Rev. J. E. Thompson, Mesdames E. L. Moffitt, John Penn, Wm. Underwood, Miss Julia Thomas, chairman, Franklinton, Mr. Hugh Parks, Caraway, Mrs. Emma Kearns, Mr. John F. Jarrell.

Kemp's Mill, Mr. Anderson Barker, Providence, Mr. S. E. Coble, Science Hill, Mrs. C. C. Hubbard, Farmers, Mrs. G. T. Macon, Trinity, Mrs. W. F. Ellis, Seagrave, Mrs. D. A. Cornelison, Spero, Mr. W. J. Gregson, Back Creek, Miss Dora Redding, Randleman, No. 1, Miss Lizze Phillips.

Hills Store, Mrs. N. R. Thronburg, Mechanic, Mrs. Mollie F. Skenen.

Rutherford county's shipping a car load of corn to the Belgians. Cannot Randolph county do likewise? Remember Mr. W. R. Julian at Asheboro is glad to receive contributions of corn, flour, rice, condensed milk, and let each one give something gladly.

RANDLEMAN BUSINESS OUTLOOK IS BRIGHTER

Mills Are All Running on Full Time And Disposing of Their Products—Wheat at \$1.50 a Bushel.

Randleman, Jan. 18.—The new year of 1915 begins to smile graciously upon the town of Randleman and surrounding community. Manufacturers, merchants and farmers alike are assuming a more hopeful attitude.

The Deep River mill No. 1, which employs more than 300 people, is now running on full time. Last week it mill alone shipped more goods for export trade than any week since September. The Deep River mill No. 2, formerly known as Naomi mills, which now employs 200 operatives, has not stopped an hour on account of business depression, but at times has been compelled to run at night in order to meet the large and growing demand for seamless bags from grain-producing States.

The hosiery mill is also running on full time, giving remunerative employment to a number of people.

The building and loan association reorganized September 15 with the following officers: President, A. M. Floyd; vice-president, J. W. Parsons, secretary-treasurer, O. C. Marsh. It now has about 400 shares. Much interest is manifested in the association. Several new houses are being built and others repaired. There are also applications for other loans which means further building activities for the town and community.

The spring term of the graded school opened with an increased attendance reaching an enrollment of 424, with an average attendance of about 90 per cent. for full term.

The Woman's Betterment Association, organized in the early fall, is doing splendid work. At a recent joint meeting of this association with the school board plans were outlined for extensive improvements in the school building during the spring term.

With the sunshine of the last few days has come better roads so that number of farmers have been able to market their wheat. More wheat was sold here at the local roller mill last Thursday than on any previous day during the winter. The farmers realized \$1.50 cash for each bushel sold.

FAMOUS BILLY SUNDAY VISITS WASHINGTON

Billy Sunday, revivalist, visited Washington last Sunday. He called on the President and spoke at a meeting attended by about five thousand on the subject: "If Christ Came to Washington."

Speaker Clark presided; Secretaries Bryan and Lane, Attorney General Gregory and Secretary to the President Tumulty sat on the platform.

Sunday declared that he "would not have to leave the corporate limits of Washington to find people who would vote to crucify Christ if he came to Pennsylvania Avenue today."

In his final prayer Sunday thanked God for "a President in the White House who bows his knees in submission to God."

HEARD IN THE COUNTY

WHAT OUR TOWN CORRESPONDENT HEARS AND THINKS—ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTY

Mr. Charlie Glass, of Cedar Falls, spent last Friday at Mr. C. C. Miller's.

Mr. T. C. Russell, of Farmer, who is traveling salesman for the Denton Marble Works, was in Asheboro a few days ago.

Mr. D. K. McLeod, of Jamestown, has many friends in and around Asheboro who will regret to hear of his death.

Mrs. W. R. Mason, of Thomasville, has taken charge of the Southern Hotel at Troy.

Mr. Oliver Yow, of Troy, spent a few days in and a round Central Falls recently.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Lambert are the proud parents of a fine son that arrived at their home a few days ago. Mother and son are both doing fine, and the father is stepping high and when he gets rid of that smile he will give you the best shave of any man in town.

Your correspondent has urged the establishment of a county fair in Randolph for some time and we cannot see why the farmers and business men of the county do not interest themselves. They owe it to Randolph and the rising generation to make an active effort in securing this greatly needed enterprise. It would not require a great deal of an effort to secure a county fair.

Mr. N. T. Groce, of Worthville, has renewed his subscription to The Courier. Mr. Groce is a gentleman, an honest, clean man and a man who loves his country and his fellowmen and his home town. Worthville is honored by having such a man as Mr. Groce.

Mr. W. M. Stevenson visited the Central Falls Graded school a few days ago and made a talk to the school. Mr. Stevenson taught school for thirty-five years, meeting with, according to the testimony of schools and districts in which his services were engaged, success that was very worthy. He is a good talker and is one of the best informed old men in this county.

Our good friend, Mr. W. H. Burrow, of Worthville, has renewed his subscription to The Courier. Mr. Burrow says he could not get along without "The Old Reliable."

Mr. W. G. Aldridge, of Worthville, has a beautiful home and could not keep house without The Courier.

Mr. F. R. Kearns, of High Point, has been reading The Courier ever since its first issue. Mr. Kearns is a native of Randolph county and The Courier seems like a letter from his kinsfolk.

Mr. John Davis, of Caraway Rt. 1 is 94 years old and is the smallest man in the county—weighing about 75 pounds.

Mr. W. N. Steed, of Trinity Rt. 1 is a good farmer and a good citizen and has been reading The Courier for a long time and was kind enough to say that he did not see how he could get along without it.

Mr. B. F. Craven, of Franklinton, has renewed his subscription to January 1st, 1916. Mr. Craven is a good citizen and believes in The Courier and when it comes to raising crooked handle gourds he stands at the head of the list. If he could manage to get the handle straightened out on the one he showed us a few days ago, it would reach from Franklinton to Ransom.

Mr. J. D. Bean, a good citizen of High Point, is moving back to Denton this week.

Mr. Logan Nelson and Miss Marie Ferguson, of New Market township, were married last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are worthy of the many friends they have. They start out life together with bright prospects.

Mr. Jerome Davis and Miss Hattie Newlin, of the Edgar section, were married a few days ago. They have many friends who wish for them much happiness.

Mr. R. L. Kearns, a prosperous farmer of Caraway, who has been laid up for several weeks with a broken leg, is improving.

Mr. T. A. Briles has our thanks for a renewal of his subscription. Mr. Briles is an enterprising young farmer of the Caraway section who is making good.

Our good old friend, Mr. Frank Gray, of Trinity Rt. 1, is numbered among our renewal subscribers this week. Mr. Gray is a Confederate soldier and is one of our best citizens.

Mr. J. M. Woodell, a prosperous farmer of High Point Rt. 3, has been reader of The Courier for 20 years and he says that the first years subscription cost him just one quarter of a mutton.

Mr. R. J. Pierce, keeper of the County Home, has his subscription paid to The Courier to Jan. 11th, 1916. Mr. Pierce and his good wife take care of the unfortunate ones at the County Home in a way that is most commendable.

Mr. C. L. Johnson, of Trinity, Rt. 1, has a beautiful home and he and his good wife could not keep house without The Courier.

Mr. R. W. Reddick, of Trinity, has our thanks for a renewal of his subscription. There is not a better man in the county than Mr. Reddick.

Mr. J. M. Scarborough, of Worthville, has renewed his subscription to The Courier. Mr. Scarborough does a large mercantile business and those deal with him have the pleasure of

GENERAL NEWS EVENTS

NEWS FROM OUTSIDE THE STATE BOILED DOWN FOR THE BUSY READER—THE IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES BRIEFLY TOLD

President Wilson is now a grandfather. A son was born to Mrs. Francis F. Sayre, his daughter, Sunday. The President was overjoyed when he learned that the child was a boy and that the mother was doing well.

The total number of dead resulting from the earthquake in Italy, on Friday has reached 50,000. Several thousand bodies are still buried in a mass of debris. Much suffering is resulting from the disaster.

Lieutenant-General Stoessel, famous as a commander of the Russians at Port Arthur during the Russo-Japanese war, died last Sunday after suffering for several months with paralysis.

Mexico again has a new president. President Gutierrez has fled from Mexico City and Gen. Rosas Garza has been named instead. Martial law has been declared and the city is being patrolled by mounted police.

A French army aviator has made the following discovery of German army tactics. He says it is more difficult to locate the enemy than kill them. The aviator says: "Observations made by me have shown that such perfection that they are easily mistaken for poplars or cypress trees, false hedgerows and artificial thickets, even frequently conceal batteries of artillery and detachments of infantry from the eye of the air scout."

A law allowing Mexicans to breed the marriage vows at will has been made by Gen. Carranza. Should it most liberal country in the world it most specifications of the causes for divorce. In the case of mutual consent it is merely necessary for the man and wife to sign an agreement stating they are tired of living together, providing for proper division of property and the disposition of the children, present this to a judge after it has been attested by a notary and the judge has no option but to render the judgment that enables them to search for new mates.

"There is only one thing that enables an aviator to detect these specifications in the natural appearance of the ground he is flying over and that is a complete previous acquaintance with it. In certain regions that I explored frequently during the battle of the Marne there was a wood that was well known as a guiding point. One day this 'U' wood presented an unusual aspect to my eyes; the extremity of the left horn of the U seemed to have lengthened about thirty yards during the night. I took the chance of flying low over the spot there, just inside of the miraculously night's growth of woods I discovered a German battery, skillfully hid from our artillery by a thicket of pine and cedars replanted during the night."

dealing with a man of uniform courtesy, business integrity and absolute reliability.

Dr. J. D. Bulla, of Trinity, Rt. 1 has moved his subscription to The Courier up a year. Dr. Bulla is the soul of politeness, is genial, and good-natured, sympathetic and tender in his disposition and progressive in his public spirit.

We are happy to state that Asheboro will have a week's Chautauqua entertainments this summer. We had the Chautauqua entertainments with us during the past summer and our people were so well pleased with them that we did not have any trouble in raising the amount necessary to make the Chautauqua a financial success. This is an educational entertainment, and one that will do a world of good for the entire community. Everybody should boom this enterprise.

Among our renewal subscribers this week is our esteemed friend, Mr. J. L. Phillips, of Trinity, who has been a subscriber for a long time. Mr. Phillips is a good citizen and makes a first-class postmaster.

A large number of citizens from almost every section of the county visited Asheboro Saturday.

Mr. J. W. Albertson, of Trinity, has renewed his subscription to The Courier. Mr. Albertson is a good citizen and has a fine farm and is making good.

Mr. Pete Walker, of Trinity Rt. 1, was in Asheboro one day last week.

Mr. J. L. Briles, a prominent citizen of Caraway Rt. 1, has renewed his subscription. Mr. Briles has a fine farm and is one of our best farmers and believes in The Courier.

In our rounds over the county we find the public schools are running smoothly and are making marked progress. Teachers and pupils are taking hold of the work with a vim which spells "SUCCESS."

Among our renewal subscribers this week is Mr. R. A. Tomlinson, of Archdale. Mr. Tomlinson does a lively business in High Point.

When the attorney looked up The Bulletin last week it would have been a very commendable act on his part if he had lost the key.

Wonder what has become of the Republicans who said during the last campaign that it was the Democratic tariff that caused the high priced sugar? Sugar today is 5½ cents a

FROM WITHIN THE STATE

ITEMS OF LIVE NEWS GATHERED FROM EXCHANGES AND CONDENSED IN BRIEF FOR THE BUSY READER.—A COLUMN IN ONE PARAGRAPH.

Mr. A. W. McAlister, of Greensboro, was elected president of the State Anti-Saloon League at its biennial session in Raleigh last Thursday night.

Six hundred thousand dollars for the inland waterway from Norfolk to Beaufort Inlet, N. C., was in the river and harbor appropriation bill recently approved by the House at Washington.

Senator Simmons has put his shoulder to the wheel for the President and will help to push the ship purchase bill through the Senate. He has had the Democrats to call a caucus to get the party leaders behind this measure in which the President is so deeply interested.

Provisions in the will of Mrs. Violet Huntington Blair, of Guilford College, who died in a hospital in Asheville, December 3, disposes of her estate with sums given in Greensboro, Quebec, New York, Jerusalem, Palestine and other places. The estate is valued at \$25,000.

Death came suddenly to Elias H. Powell, an aged citizen of the Harmony section of Iredell county last week. He dropped dead while at the well at his home where he had gone to draw water. Mr. Powell was a native of Randolph county and was 83 years old. He had lived in Iredell for many years.

Unless the call for wheat from Europe is soon lessened the United States will have no wheat to ship after March. Five Governments of Europe are bidding high for United States wheat. Exportation is now going on at the rate of ten million bushels a week. The price is now around \$1.50 per bushel and western farmers are said to be holding a portion of their crop for \$2.00 per bushel.

Two hundred and forty eight corporations in North Carolina were dissolved Monday under a report of the Secretary of State for failing to comply with the law requiring returns to the State department. Among these are many thrifty institutions. Under the revenue these business institutions must pay all back taxes and an additional one hundred dollars for new license.

Mrs. Mary Hope and two daughters, Mrs. Emerson Davis and Miss Mary Hope and a grandson aged three years, son of W. H. Hope, all of Clinton, were returning from a visit to relatives at Elliott Sunday afternoon when the mule they were driving took fright at some object while crossing a bridge and backed the vehicle of into the stream. Mrs. Davis, the little Hope boy and the mule were drowned instantly.

The following dispatch to the daily papers has been sent out from Newton: "G. F. Bollinger, James Robinson, Art and John Ingle, in cutting down trees cut down one that was a curiosity. The tree at the top was hollow for six feet. At the bottom of the hollow was a bed of six squirrels and two feet higher was a bed of three possums. In the top was a swarm of bees and about two gallons of honey. The boys say that the animals had eaten about half of the honey."

A historical case is to be tried in Montgomery county Superior court this week. It will be remembered that Milton Bunell, a farmer of Montgomery, was murdered and robbed of \$60 in gold and Charles Smith was tried and found guilty. Smith's father was arrested but the courts could not find evidence enough against him to proceed and he was released. Charles Smith was sentenced to 30 years for the murder. Recently he confessed the killing which he says he did at the behest of his father. The elder Smith was arrested and is to be tried. Charles Smith was brought from Raleigh to testify against his father.

J. C. M. Vann, who is representing Union county in the present general assembly, is a young man of about thirty years of age, who "batches" alone in his house about a mile south of Monroe. He has as his servant, valet and cook, a negro by the name of "Son" Gatewood. When Mr. Vann left for Raleigh to take his seat in the house of representatives the first of January, he left instructions for his servant, "Son" to stay away from his house. Mr. Vann had hardly got settled in Raleigh before "Son" started keeping house in his stead. He had as his invited guest, "Smoky Jim" Davis, another young negro. The host and guest have been enjoying themselves famously, it is alleged, sleeping in Mr. Vann's beds, frying his chickens, and depleting his stock in general.

England and the United States is the only great country in the whole world where men and women can lie down at night in sweet peace. We ought to be the happiest people on earth, and forever grateful to our noble President, who has saved us from the awful carnage, misery and bloodshed of war.