

Yesterday In The Legislature

THE SENATE—TUESDAY—FORTY-SECOND DAY.

President Newland convened the session at 11 o'clock and prayer was offered by Senator McLaughlin, of Cumberland.

Petitions Presented. From Confederate veterans of Robeson county for increase of pensions for Confederate veterans and widows of veterans.

From Duplin: From Teachers' Association against near-beer.

From Orange: From druggists of Durham against a new food and drug law, also from National Training School to amend its charter; also from quarterly meeting of friends opposing a divorce law.

Introduction of Bills. From Edgecombe: Validate probations of certain deeds and other proceedings; also confer criminal and civil jurisdiction on the June term of superior court of Edgecombe county.

From Mecklenburg: For drainage of lands and protection of health in Mecklenburg county.

From Jackson: Request: Incorporation of the Appalachian Highway Company; also protect deer and other game enclosed in parks.

From Rowan: Authorize the commissioners of Macon county to appropriate for a Confederate monument at Franklin.

From Columbus: Relative to operation of hawks and owls in Columbus.

From Robeson: Amend the law relative to commercial fertilizers.

From Lincoln: Validate certain bonds.

From Chatham: For relief of T. E. Shuford, of Gaston.

From Washington: Joint resolution to investigate the purchase for the state of the painting of the first landing of the English on Roanoke Island.

From Cabarrus: Relative to the sale of the light and water companies of Concord.

From Franklin: Authorize the erection of Confederate monument at Beaufort.

Resolution as to Pauper Counties. Senator G. Max Gardner, of Cleveland, introduced a joint resolution of protest to many counties in the state.

The resolution is directed to State Treasurer R. Lacy to forthwith furnish to the general assembly a revised list of the counties after having added to them the taxes paid on public service corporations, bank stock and corporate excess.

Speaking in a vigorous address told of the indignation and humiliation his country had suffered on account of the charges that it was a pauper county.

He pointed out that the report of the auditor that Cleveland county was indebted with receiving \$2,884.99 more than it paid into the state and that the treasury had failed to credit the county with the taxes paid direct to the state treasury by the public utility corporations, banks and corporate excess and that his county paid \$124.35 in this manner, thus making a surplus county by \$124.35.

He stated that the only money credited to the various counties by the state has been the money paid by the state as a grant to the counties for the money paid on public service corporations has not been credited to the accounts of the various counties. The senator cited the financial condition of other counties as bearing out his claims and showed the difference if they had been credited with all taxes from whatever source paid by them to the treasury.

He contended that the auditor's report to publish to the public in certain counties were deficit pauper counties, when they actually paid more money into the state treasury than they received from the state.

He said he did not desire to criticize Mr. Lacy but argued that he should be required to change his system of bookkeeping so as to be fair to all counties. Senator Gardner asked for the immediate passage of his resolution.

Senator Johnson, of Duplin, said he also represented two pauper counties as shown by the report of the state treasurer, which he claimed was not fair to his two counties and announcing that he was in hearty sympathy with the resolution and urged its adoption.

Senator Pharr, of Mecklenburg, said he thought it better to have the resolution referred to a committee so as to give Mr. Lacy an opportunity of being heard; that was an efficient and helpful officer and that it would not be fair to him to criticize him unjustly by passing the resolution at once.

Senator Baggott, of Harnett, said that the senate ought not to act with too much haste in an important matter, and that the resolution should be postponed.

Senator Bassett, of Edgecombe, sympathized with the pauper counties, as they are called, but that the state treasurer should not be criticized in this matter and ought to be given the chance to be heard before definite action was taken. He believed Mr. Lacy to be a splendid, conscientious officer, who is discharging the duty in a sense of fairness and justice and that the resolution should be referred.

Senator Hicks, of Granville, also opposed immediate action, and on his motion the resolution was referred to the committee on propositions and resolutions.

Bills Ratified. Abolish the office of standard keeper in Vance county.

Allow Reidsville to grant license to public service corporations to use streets for sidings.

Incorporate Culbertson, Cherokee county.

For relief of Representative-elect W. A. Bailey, of Davis county.

Create a shikung fund for Shelby.

Forbid commissioners of Tyrrell county to issue bonds without submitting the issue to the voters.

Authorize the town of Tryon to sell its lot formerly used for a school.

Create the office of prosecuting attorney of Reidsville.

Amend the road law of township No. 4, Cleveland county.

Regulate the summoning of tales jurors.

Amend the charter of the regents' homes of the Presbyterian Church of

North Carolina.

Authorize Shelby to operate an electric light plant.

Establish a recorder's court at Henderson.

Relative to the graded school at Troy.

Authorize an election by Topsail township, Pender county, to apply surplus funds for school purposes.

Amend the law relative to statistics of leaf tobacco.

Incorporate the North Carolina Interurban Railway Company.

Authorize the trustees of Warsaw school district to build a brick school house for whites.

Concerning undertakings by defendants in claim and delivery proceedings.

Raise age limit for working the roads from 18 to 21 years.

Correct state grant in Yancey, now Mitchell county.

Joint resolution for the relief of the widow of the late Representative John L. Starnes, of Montgomery county.

Joint resolution relative to the U. S. army office at Charlotte.

Authorize the commissioners of Rutherford county to levy a special tax.

Miscellaneous. The bill prohibiting throwing sawdust in the streams of Yadkin county was withdrawn from the enrolling clerk's office, because a conference committee is considering it.

Senator Bassett reported for the committee that visited the insane asylum at Morganton that they found the institution in excellent condition. They recommended an appropriation for permanent improvements and an annual appropriation of \$200,000 for maintenance.

A message transmitting 20 or more bills was received from the house, the most important being Mr. Doughton's bill providing for the redemption of the bonds falling due January 1st, 1913.

Kent Anti Near Beer Bill Passes. The Kent house bill, prohibiting the sale of near-beer, beerine or other like drinks came up as a special order and provoked a lively debate. The committee offered an amendment defining more clearly the character of preparations that druggists may sell and Senator McLaughlin offered an amendment substituting the word "or" for the word "and" in line 28 of the bill, making it read as it was originally drafted.

Senator Bassett offered two amendments, one allowing the sale of non-intoxicating cider and the other extending the time for the bill to take effect from June 1 to July 1, 1911.

Senator Green, of Craven, offered an amendment requiring express and railroad companies to publish every month the names of all persons to whom liquor is shipped into the state.

Senator Martin, of Buncombe, opposed the cider amendment of Senator Bassett.

Senator Boyden, of Rowan, offered as a substitute a bill entitled an act to make prohibition more effective and save it from assassination by its friends, the substitute providing that it shall be unlawful for any person who served as a member of the general assembly from and after the passage of this act, who, the records of the general assembly shall show, have voted for the enactment of prohibition legislation, to take a drink of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors. That any person violating the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be punished by death.

Senator Martin, of Washington, offered as an amendment an act to promote the interests of the blind, deaf and dumb.

Senator Brown, of Columbus, said the committee had given the bill careful consideration and he opposed all other amendments and would call the previous question.

Senator Rascoe, of Bertie, favored the amendment of Senator Bassett, extending the time to July 1st.

Senator Hartsell, of Cabarrus, declared that the other amendment of Senator Bassett, allowing the sale of cider was a substitute.

Senator Barham, of Wayne, made a speech against prohibition in general, and Senator Hicks, of Granville, spoke in its favor. Senator Boyden concluded the debate by saying that he hoped the people of North Carolina would soon come back from their fanaticism.

The amendments of the committee and of Senator McLaughlin were adopted. Senator Bassett's cider amendment was defeated by a vote of 30 to 18, but his other, extending the time to July 1st carried by a vote of 33 to 12.

Senator Green's amendment was defeated by a vote of 22 to 16.

Senator Boyden's substitute and Senator Martin's amendment were ruled as being not germane.

The bill then passed second reading by a vote of 41 to 3. It passed third reading and was ordered sent to the house for concurrence in the senate amendment.

Routine Matters. The state highway commission bill was made special order for Friday at 12 o'clock.

Unfavorable reports were made on the bills relative to divorce putting the husband and wife on equal footing for Biblical cause; provide free school books for the poor children of Wilkes county; taxing dogs, bachelors and justices of the peace in Henderson county, prohibit near-beer in Center county, Stanley county; all mortgages on property to be deducted from value of taxation.

The bill allowing married women to contract as if unmarried was made special order for tonight at 8:30 o'clock.

A joint democratic caucus was announced for Friday night.

The senate at 2 o'clock adjourned until 8:30 o'clock tonight.

THE HOUSE—TUESDAY. Speaker Dowd convened the house at 11 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Moore of Columbia, S. C.

Petitions were sent forward as follows: Coleman: From citizens of Rowan against liquor in clubs and near beer.

Nunn: From citizens of Craven against liquor in clubs.

Koonce: From Onslow citizens against the use of purse snags in Cornwall; from Macedonia farmers union for "Forrens Land title system."

Connor: From citizens of Nash asking for a part of Nash to be annexed to Wilson county.

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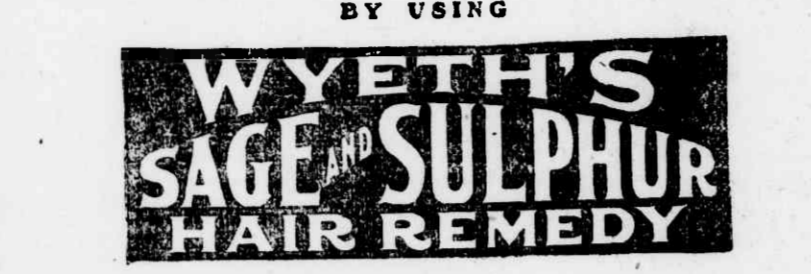
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Included in a great number of bills reported from committees were favorable: Makes bribery in elections a felony; make payment of poll tax to influence vote a misdemeanor; prohibit forced contributions from railroad employees; protect grade crossings of street cars and railroads; increase the salaries of supreme court judges to \$4,500; allow Buncombe county to issue funding bonds.

New Bills Introduced. Cornwall: Resolution of Junior Order United American Mechanics relative to teaching the Bible in the public schools.

Devin: Incorporate the town of Stem. Enforce the Granville county game law. Amend the revival relative to quarantine. Preserve certain records in Granville county.

Kirkman: Regulate rates for tickets on railroads in North Carolina.

Kellum: Charge estates with obligations of certain tenants.

Spainhour: Increase commissioners of Burke from three to five. Concerning the fees of certain officers in Brunswick.

Taylor: Provide for special coroner in Brunswick county. Regulate the pay of surveyor in Brunswick.

Wilson: Amend read law of Marion McDowell county.

Quickel: Change the name of Western State Hospital, Morganton, to the Murphy Memorial State Hospital.

Pethel: Amend the revival for the protection of railroad employees and the traveling public.

Amend the revival relative to shooting and throwing at trains.

Roberts: Regulate and classify terms of offices in Brunswick county.

Shipman: Allow Ransom township, Columbus county to vote on "fence" or "no fence." Require railroads to erect stock fence through Grimes Swamp.

Messie: Create a police court for Canton.

Alserman: Protect live stock in topsail township Pender county. Protect peanut growers in North Carolina.

McArthur: Amend the charter of Lumberton.

Cornwell: Amend the charter of Bailey's Nash county.

Johnson of Orange: Allow people of Orange to vote on road bonds. Amend the charter of Chapel Hill. To tax dogs.

Latham: Prohibit the handling of intoxicating liquors by any club or association.

Woodson: Correct a mistake in the 1909 law as to the pay of officers in Cleveland county.

Dillard of Cherokee: Fix the pay of Cherokee commissioners.

Wilson: Amend the charter of Merry Oaks.

Grier: Amend the revival relative to Sabbath desecration in Mecklenburg county.

Crumpler: Establish the boundary line between two school districts in Sampson county.

Nunn: Create a special court for Craven county.

Connor Bill Goes Over. The Connor bill to prevent employment of common carriers which had been made a special order today went over at the request of Mr. Connor and on motion of Mr. Kellum was referred to the two to be further considered. This is the bill that would prevent enforced membership in the relief association of the Atlantic Coast Line.

The bill by Richardson allowing divorce after five years separation where there are no children was a special order but was displaced by the consent of Mr. Richardson who explained that he introduced it by request. It has passed second reading.

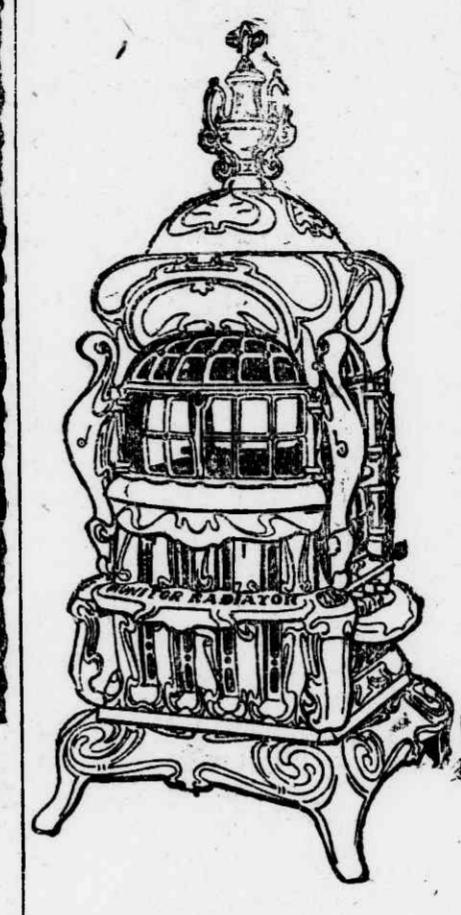
New County Of Hoke Created

By Associated Press.

Raleigh, Feb. 15.—The county of Hoke was created by the legislature last night, the house concurring in the senate bill. The county is formed from parts of Cumberland and Robeson and the county seat is to be Raeford, situated partly in both counties.

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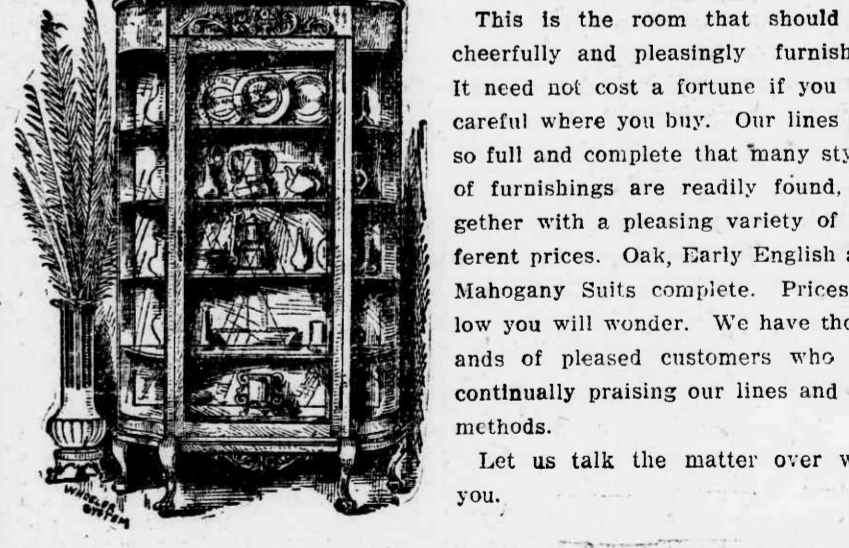
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