

HILEMAN IN A HOLE.

It now turns out that "Gov." Hileman is responsible for the new law about mortgages getting before the legislature in the form in which it now stands. According to yesterday's News and Observer, he admitted that he reported the bill from the Finance Committee of the House, of which he was Chairman, with amendments that certain portions of the bill be stricken out. This part of the bill which he ordered stricken out is the very part that would have saved it. Here is the bill as introduced by Smith, Democrat, of Stanly.

Section 1. That all conditional sales, assignments, mortgages or deeds in trust which are executed to secure any debt, obligation note or bond which gives preference to any creditor of the maker, shall be absolutely void as to existing creditors, except those given to secure cash advanced at the time of the execution of the same, or to secure advancement for farming purposes.

Now that bill as all right, but when it came out of Hileman's hands it was all wrong. Hileman struck out all but the word "creditors," thus striking at the farming classes, for whom he professes so much love and concern. Here is Hileman's endorsement of the bill.

"The Finance Committee report this bill favorably with the following amendment recommended by the committee. (Signed) HILEMAN."
Amend by striking out in Section 1, all after the word "creditors" in line five of said section.

The farmers of this State will demand of Mr. Hileman his reason for striking them such a deadly blow. With one stroke of his pen he sought to do that which would deny to the farmer the right to give a mortgage to secure his necessary supplies or for any other purpose. In exactly the shape that Hileman left the bill it was engrossed, enrolled and signed, and is now a law.

It is proper to remark that the Smiths of Cabarrus and Stanly are entirely exonerated. The whole responsibility rests on Hileman and the rascally clerk who fixed up the bill.

Hileman is indeed in a hole, and the walls will cave in on him and bury him from sight forever.

THE ORIGINAL BILL IS FOUND.

VERY DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER. The Bill as Introduced Made Material Exceptions; the Bill as Ratified Struck These Out. Special to Charlotte Observer.

RALEIGH, April 2.—Yesterday Congressman Richmond Pearson used the House quite freely and summoned Speaker Walsler, Representative Hileman, of Cabarrus, also W. M. Smith, attorney and claim collector, of Concord, together with Clerk Satterfield, of the House, and Enrolling Clerk Brown. This morning all these obediently had been summoned. They all said they were on matters relative to the "mortgage bill."

After Mr. Pearson had made a big search for an hour yesterday for any traces of the mortgage bill and could find none, he said that it was being kept in a hole somewhere, and he had never been in the Senate at all and was not on file in the enrolling clerk's office, he exercised his power as one of the "Big Five" and called the Speaker, clerks, etc., together. There was a story current that he had also called the Legislature to meet in special session after careful consideration it is found that he has not as yet taken this step. Speaker Walsler said today, "We want the status of this law settled. It has stopped business up our way."

Mr. Hileman says: "We are here on matters connected with this act." To-day Mr. Pearson took the Librarian Ellington, Enrolling Clerk Brown and others renewed the search for the missing mortgage bill. They found it in the very place where it ought to have been; that is in the place where bills which were tabled or failed to pass are kept. There was the original bill, introduced by Smith, of Stanly, with endorsements showing its reference to the finance committee, the report of that committee, with its amendment; showing in Speaker Walsler's handwriting that the bill was made a special order at 8:30 on a certain night, after the monument bill had been passed.

Following is the text of the mortgage bill found today: "That all conditional sales, assignments and mortgages, or deeds in trust, which were executed to secure any debt, obligation, note or bond which gives preference to any creditor of the maker, shall be absolutely void as to existing creditors except those given to secure cash advanced at the time of execution of the same, or to secure advancement for farming purposes."

The finance committee amended it by striking out all after "existing creditors," and thus amended favorably reported the bill, Hileman signing the report. Speaker Walsler tells me he asked Smith, of Stanly, if the latter had any other bill in the bill, and Smith replied, no; he wanted to get rid of it. He and Smith had some talk and agreed to defeat the bill, Walsler saying it was too late in the season to consider so important a measure. He says he knows the bill was tabled without debate and doubt that its title was read when it was enrolled, but he believes it was slipped in among the enrolled bills, as the latter were passed to him for signature.

W. M. Smith, of Concord, says the bill as found is identical with the one which he drafted and the substitute bill which the Baltimore people had drawn, and that the latter bill was never introduced. He declares he did not know the bill was tabled, and never heard of it after he left here March 11th until he saw in the papers the news of the discovery of the fact and that the substitute bill if the latter had been introduced.

House Clerk Satterfield says he knows the bill was tabled, just as shown on its face; that afterwards it was never out of the House Clerk's possession. Walsler says he thinks this statement accurate, as the House Clerk was keeping the bill in his possession.

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STATE NEWS.

Fastest Time Ever Made. One of the Royal Blue Line trains of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, on a recent run between New York and Washington, covered a mile in 39 1/2 seconds as recorded by a mechanical indicator. At this rate the train traveled over a mile and a half in a minute, or over ninety miles an hour, which surpasses all previous records of fast time. If the speed were maintained the time between New York and Washington would be reduced without stops to two hours and a half, and with stops to three hours. Five hours is now the fastest time between the two cities, and it is made daily by the Royal Blue Line.

Bills are pending before both the Missouri and Illinois legislatures taking bachelors. This Missouri bill makes the tax progressive, increasing by successive increments as the bachelor persists in his state of single blessedness. The Illinois bill makes the law uniform on all single men above 32 years who are not able to show that they have proposed marriage three times—and been rejected. The proceeds of the tax are to go toward establishing a home for worn and indigent single women above the age of 35.

A Raleigh correspondent says that Senator Cook, or Warren, presented himself, Monday, to Associate Justice Montgomery, of the Supreme Court, and was sworn in as judge of the new eastern Criminal Court circuit. He had no commission nor anything else showing that he was entitled to have the oath administered to him, Governor Carr having already issued his commission to Judge Meares.

Two children of Mrs. J. A. Warren, living near Tilden, Yadkin county, were playing with some old clock works, when one of the children got the alarm and put to the other's ear. One of the spindles caught in the child's hair and began to wind until the alarm had run down, twisting the skin of the child's head up in the cogs, where it had to be cut loose. The child is in a serious condition.

Monday the discovery was made that the legislative journals have been doctored. The journal of March 12 says that Mr. Ray introduced a protest, but does not give the protest. The facts are that Mr. Ray, the member from Macon, presented a petition, signed by himself and some thirty other Representatives, setting forth the facts regarding the notorious Fred Douglas resolution, and demanded that, in accordance with his constitutional privilege, it be spread upon the journal. The fusionists endeavored in all manner of ways to prevent its going on the journals, but Mr. Ray asked the Speaker if it was to go on the journal and Walsh said "Yes," and ordered the clerks to place it there.

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The Dispensary Introduced. Morganton Herald. Morganton may have been the first town in the State to begin the agitation for a liquor dispensary, but Waynesville and Hickory will be the first towns to try the new system. Acts establishing dispensaries in both these towns were passed during the past session. The Waynesville act applies to the whole of Haywood county, the dispensary to be located in the county town, and the profits arising from the town and divided equally between the town and county. A great many North Carolina towns, where the liquor question has been a troublesome one for so many years, will watch with deep interest the new venture tried by these two Western North Carolina towns.

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