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## VERY IMPORTANT BILLS ARE IN COMMITTEES

New State Building, Farm Life School, More New Counties, Etc.

Special to THE PROGRESS.

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—Having for its purpose the erection of a large fire-proof building on the block now partly occupied by the Museum and Library buildings, a bill is in the hands of the committees on Public Building and Grounds for both houses. The bill provides for the purchase of more land and the issuing of bonds for \$1,000,000 to raise funds or to use as collateral. The work to be done under the supervision of a committee of citizens appointed by the Governor to the number of seven. A very favorable state wide sentiment lends encouragement to the supporters of the bill.

The bill to ratify the Federal amendment to have an income tax was finally ratified.

Cobb, of Robeson, is the author of the bill to provide for placing farm life schools in the counties so desiring. The intention is to have the state make an appropriation from which \$2500 will be available when any county desiring to establish such a school shall have a similar amount raised for the purpose in the county.

Bills to provide for two more new counties out Robeson are in. This is said to be one way of squelching the plan to have Hoke county formed which was to include part of Robeson.

Petitions are presented almost daily asking for state wide prohibition of near beer and similar drinks. Mease, of Haywood, has introduced a bill to effect this reform.

The Baptist University here will hereafter be known as Meredith College, the change being made by legislative enactment.

Spainhour's bill to increase the salaries of superior court judges was re-referred to committee. With it went a substitute by Wooten, of Lenoir. It is thought that the bill will not pass, this action taken as an indication of enough opposition to prevent its passage.

Wilson, of McDowell, has three bills in. One provides for the formation of a new township; one to protect quail and one to appoint a justice of the peace. The new township is to be known as Glenwood and its boundaries are the same as the new election district formed last fall from parts of Higgins, Bracketts and Montford cove townships. It will also be the only township which is a special tax school district in toto.

State Bank Examiner J. K. Doughton has prepared a bill to revise and consolidate the State banking laws. It will be introduced this week and has the approval of the corporation commission and leading bankers in the state.

A joint session of the Senate and House committees on counties, cities and towns will be held Tuesday, January 31, to hear the pros and cons in the matter of erecting Piedmont county from portions of Guilford, Randolph and Davidson.

Captain I. H. Kearney, of Franklin, succeeds Ashley Horne, who

resigned, on the State board of agriculture by appointment by Governor Kitchin.

Majette, of Tyrell, seeks to have, the indiscriminate distribution of advertising matter in the House stopped. He introduced a bill to that effect, Wednesday 18. Wooten, of Lenoir, goes a step or two further by introducing a bill to prevent lobbying.

### General Political Notes.

The Virginia republicans have begun the movement of endorsing for Taft for re-nomination in 1912.

Alfred Eugene Holton will act as United States District Attorney for the Western North Carolina District for another term. He was appointed Jan. 18 by the President. This is counted as a victory for the Morehead-Butler forces.

By unanimous agreement of the ways and means committee in the House (Congress) a permanent tariff board of five members will be provided for in a bill which will be taken up by the House next Monday. It is expected to pass there and in the Senate and will become effective July 1, next.

### Farm News.

Compiling some statistics relative to stock husbandry in Wilkes county, the Wilkes Patriot states in a recent number that during the fall killing records were made of an aggregate of over 50,000 pounds of dressed meat. The porkers ranged from 213 to 500 pounds each. The Patriot places a value of about \$400,000 on this meat product. And this is only a part of the amount for the whole county.

Fewer croppers and more individual farmers owning their land, however small the acreage, will make for better results every way.

Spray from two to six times a season with the Bordeaux mixture and Paris green and you will prevent both bugs and blight affecting your potatoes.

### Gypsy Trouble Compromised.

Wadesboro, Jan. 21.—In the superior court this morning the Gypsy troubles came to an abrupt end with a compromise verdict. The Mitchells submitted to assault and were fined \$250 and costs. All of the cases against the Joan faction were dismissed.

The compromise was effected through the efforts of Judge Allen. Stephen Joan and his men immediately celebrated their victory with an automobile parade, carrying large American flags.

President Taft has sent to Congress a special message urging the fortification of the Panama Canal. He recommends that an appropriation of five million dollars be made for starting the work on the proposed defense. He wants the amount appropriated at the present session of Congress. The army and navy board already has made recommendations how the canal zone should be fortified.

Senator Overman has won his fight for the retention of the government mint at Charlotte and it will remain there, at least for another year.

## LABOR COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Some of the Things Found in the Report of Commissioner Shipman.

The twenty-fourth annual report of the Department of Labor and Printing has been issued. The experience of former years as to what constitutes real and succinct information and means of presenting it in its most compact form have been brought to bear on this latest edition, and the effect is seen in the increased amount of matter without noticeable increase in the size of the book.

In his letter of transmittal to the Governor, Commissioner Shipman says that while he believes the greater number of mills and factories, required to be regulated by law, are honestly endeavoring to comply with the conditions prescribed, some may be merely obeying so much of the law as caution demands, thus placing the former class at a disadvantage. For the protection of children mainly, and the law-abiding manufacturers as well, he recommends the passage of a factory inspection law, for the purpose of seeing that the labor laws are being complied with by those who may not already be doing so. Also that sanitary conditions and fire escapes are provided, and that ordinarily safe appliances are furnished. Furthermore, Mr. Shipman goes on record as endorsing a 60-hour week for factory employes.

The chapter on farms and farm labor shows an increase in average high wages over last year of \$1 per month. Cost of raising different products is given as follows: Cotton, per 500-lb. bale, \$33.37; wheat, per bushel, 72 cents; corn, 52 cents; oats, 35 cents; tobacco, per 100 pounds, \$7.40.

Miscellaneous factories show the employment, by 561 establishments, of \$50,835,399 actual capital, with an estimated plant value of \$20,458,731; there are employed in these factories 34,107 persons. This chapter includes the factories not classified under specified heads.

Cotton, woolen and silk mills show 325 mills, with a capital of \$53,097,454; 3,318,022 spindles, 56,516 looms, 550 braiders, 7,762 cards, employing 135,333 horsepower. The total number of employes 52,440. Knitting mills reported 77; 57 of which report capital of \$3,619,100; spindles, 109,680; knitting machines, 8,206; sewing machines, 699; employing 7,199 persons and using 6,210 horsepower.

Furniture factories show 106 factories, 103 of which report capital stock of \$3,451,140; 6,842 employes, and much other information in detail.

Newspapers, show an increase of ten in the number of publications over last year, and an increase in circulation of 155,822 copies. Total number of publications, 324; total circulation, 1,247,278.

The hatchet of Mrs. Carrie Nation may never swing again on bars and French mirrors and strike terror to the hearts of saloon men. Mrs. Nation suffered a nervous collapse last week at Eureka Springs, Ark., and her condition is such that she probably never again will engage in a temperance raid.

## Spencer Outclassed.

That young man who resides in Spencer, N. C., and claims to be a grandfather at 33 years of age will have to forego his claim as the youngest grandfather. Berry Arrowood, who resides in Rutherford county near the McDowell line in Montfords cove, is only 28 years of age and is a grandfather.

His father, D. M. Arrowood, was a visitor here, Monday, and is in good health at 62 years of age. His wife is living and they are proud of having 10 children, 77 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren, all well and hearty, thank you. Nearly all the children married early, some at 13 years of age.

It is hoped that "T. R." (The Resolute) will forward his approval and appreciation to Mr. Arrowood at his earliest convenience.

## Superior Court Convenes.

The January term of the Superior Court for McDowell for the trial of civil cases only, convened Monday, Judge Henry P. Lane, of Reidsville, presiding. This is Judge Lane's first term in the court here, having been elected at the November election. Only three cases have been tried, as follows:

Flack vs Southern Railway Co., judgment against defendant for costs.

William Clark vs Southern Railway Co., judgment for plaintiff for \$850.

J. W. Reid vs Hans Reese Co., plaintiff non-suited.

The case of Gibbs vs Winkler, was on trial at the time of going to press.

Quite a number of cases on the docket have been continued.

Out-of-town attorneys here during the week were S. J. Erwin, of Morganton, Alf. Barbard, R. S. McCall and Louis Bourne, all of Asheville.

## Bravery and Poverty.

To be able to look cheerfully and hopefully through clouds of poverty and distress is an accomplishment bestowed upon every true and brave woman, and, no matter how poor or humble her home may be, the magic power of smiles can brighten its shadows and lighten its cares. Upon the troubled mind of a feeling husband a wife's smile falls like a sunbeam on a flower, and how much more beautiful it makes the face that wears it than a frown? When a wife and mother, forgetting sorrows and hardships, smiles away her tears there is a loveliness in the act that speaks to a man's heart more eloquently than words.—Springfield Union.

## In the Line of Fire.

There lived and preached for many years in Rhode Island Elder George Champlin, a colored man, possessed of much common sense, knowledge of his brethren's virtues and failings and considerable wit. He had many devoted admirers among his own people, but some of them felt that his sermons were apt to be a little too personal and pointed. One gentle sister was asked to remonstrate with him and essayed to do so.

"Sister Lou Campton," said the elder firmly when she had made her plea, "when I am preaching I shoot right at de devil, and it's only when somebody gets between me and de mark he's liable to be hurt."—Youth's Companion.

At a caucus of Democratic members-elect of the next national Congress held in Washington City Thursday night, Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, was chosen as candidate for Speaker of the House.

## SENATORIAL ELECTIONS

Some of the "Old Guard" Have Close Call for Re-election.

Alabama—John H. Bankhead, Democrat, re-elected.

Connecticut—George Payne McLean, Republican, elected to succeed Morgan G. Bulkeley, Republican.

Indiana—John W. Kern, Democrat, elected to succeed A. J. Beveridge, Republican.

Iowa—No choice.

Maine—Charles F. Johnson, Democrat, elected to succeed Eugene Hale, Republican.

Massachusetts—Henry Cabot Lodge, Republican, re-elected.

Michigan—Charles E. Townsend, Republican, elected to succeed Senator Burrows.

Minnesota—Moses E. Clapp, Republican, re-elected.

Missouri—James A. Reed, Democrat, elected to succeed William Warner, Republican.

Montana—No choice.

Nebraska—G. M. Hitchcock, Democrat, elected to succeed E. J. Burkett, Republican.

New York—No choice.

North Dakota—Porter J. McCumber, "stalwart," and A. J. Gronna, "progressive" Republican elected.

Pennsylvania—Geo. T. Oliver, Republican, re-elected.

Rhode Island—Henry F. Lippitt, "stalwart," elected to succeed Nelson Aldrich, Republican.

Tennessee—Luke Lea, independent Democrat, elected to succeed Jas. B. Frazier, Democrat.

Utah—George E. Sutherland, Republican, re-elected.

Washington—Miles Poindexter, "Progressive" Republican, elected.

West Virginia—C. W. Watson, was named for the short term and W. E. Chilton for the long term by the Democrats in caucus. In joint session, Tuesday, Chilton was given 62 votes, 3 more than enough to elect. Watson lacked 2 votes of the necessary number. Some Democrats bolted charging bribery in the caucus. The Republicans took no part.

## Montford Cove Camp Items.

Sugar Hill, Jan. 21.—Camp No. 30, P. O. S. of A. is progressing nicely. Last Saturday night, Jan. 21, District President W. L. Fortune was present and very impressively installed our new officers for the ensuing term. Our executive officers are: Past President, E. S. Bradley; President, W. M. Harris; Vice-President, Dave Hemphill; Secretary, E. Harris; Master of Forms, Charles Nichols.

Our camp is maturing plans and arranging to erect a camp hall in connection with a good school building at White Pines. We are steadily forging to the front.

The talk of Brother Fortune following the installation of officers was full of good camp logic and was truly impressive.

Our noble order stands for our country and all its free institutions. Therefore we extend a hearty invitation to all good men to join our ranks. JOAN.

The Ministers and Laymen conference of the Green River Association at Glenwood Baptist church the 27th-29th will be attended by a number of Marion people.