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LEGISLATORS NOW AT WORK.

Some Of The Most Important Measures Introduced In The General Assembly.

The General Assembly of 1907 is now busy at work legislating for the people of North Carolina. Up to Wednesday night several important bills had been introduced. Among those of most general interest to the State we note the following:

Representative Bickett, of Franklin, introduced a bill providing for mental defectives by creating a Hospital Committee, composed of the Superintendents of the three Hospitals and four other business men, to be named by the Governor, to purchase 1000 acres of land and to establish a colony system of treatment for the less violent insane and epileptics. Also to purchase 500 acres of land for the colored insane. For this expense he recommended a bond issue of \$300,000.

Representative Laughinghouse, of Pitt, has introduced a bill to abolish second class railroad fares and fix a uniform rate of two cents per mile.

Senator Fleming, of Pitt, has introduced a bill to pay solicitors of the Superior Courts a fixed salary instead of fees as at present. His bill provides that Solicitors shall be paid a salary of \$2750 per year. Senator Webb introduced a similar measure to fix the salary at \$2000 per year. Other similar measures have been introduced.

Speaker Justice has introduced three bills relating to the railroads. One of these bills relates to the passenger rates on the railroads and fixes the general rate at two cents per mile. The second bill relates to the hours of work for railroad employes and provides that conductors, flagmen, engineers, telegraph operators and others engaged in the operation of trains shall not work more than eight hours out of twenty-four. The third bill prohibits the issuing of free transportation and franks, and requires railroad companies to provide a seat for every passenger. Senator Graham, of Orange, also introduced a bill relating to free transportation. Senator Graham introduced a second bill to define the rights of entering and leaving trains. Another bill of his provides that passenger rates be reduced for first class to two and one-half cents per mile and second class to two cents per mile.

A bill was introduced in the House Saturday to appropriate an additional \$25,000 to the Jamestown Exposition. A joint resolution has been introduced, and reported favorably, instructing the State's Representatives and Senators in Congress to use their united efforts and influence to secure the passage of a bill to prohibit the shipping of intoxicating liquors into prohibition territory in this State.

A joint resolution has been passed, providing for the celebrating of General Robert E. Lee's birthday in the House of Representatives tomorrow.

Senator Turner, of Pasquotank, has introduced a bill to change the number of peremptory challenges allowed defendants in criminal cases, reducing the number from 23 to eight.

An important bill was introduced in the Senate Monday by Mr. Webb, of Buncombe, increasing salary of State officers. He places the salaries as follows: Governor \$6,000; Secretary of State \$4,000; Attorney General \$3,000; Insurance Commissioner \$3,000; Superintendent of Public Instruction \$3,000; Corporation Commissioners \$2,500 each; Commissioner of Agriculture \$2,500. His bill also provides for the appointment of an Assistant Attorney General, who shall receive a salary of \$1,800 per year. The increase in salaries is not to take place until the end of present term of State officials. The House has passed a bill, introduced by Mr. Douglass, of Wake, amending the Watts and

Ward acts so that elections may be held on the question of prohibition, dispensary and saloons.

Several important bills were introduced in the Senate Tuesday, among them being bills to promote the safety of the traveling public; to enable married women to contract; to regulate insurance companies and to prohibit the contributions of funds for political purposes.

By a vote of 79 to 34 the House of Representatives yesterday passed the anti-lobbying bill, which requires all persons interested in promoting or opposing legislation for a compensation to register their names in a book to be kept open for public inspection in the office of Secretary of State, together with the name of the corporation or firm employing the agent. The opposition to the bill was vigorous and strong, but it prevailed, bearing only one amendment, this providing that the bill shall not be construed so as to apply to bona fide officers of corporations or members of firms who receive only their actual expenses while rendering services in connection with legislation relating to their corporation or firm.

Speaker Justice introduced an important bill in the House to enlarge the powers of the Attorney General so as to destroy trusts, and to put solicitors of the State on salaries, and to require them to act as assistants to the Attorney General. Mr. Justice believes the salary of the solicitor should be \$2,500 per annum.

In the Senate is pending a substitute bill fixing the compensation of the State solicitors at \$2,100 annually, and relieving them from the fees which they now receive. This substitute was reported favorably yesterday by the Committee on Salaries and Fees, and the calendar of the Senate was exhausted yesterday with the exception of this bill, which will probably be debated during to-day's session.

There were two prolonged debates in the Senate on the bill of Mr. Graham to provide for the assessment and taxation of shares of stocks in banks, which had been reported favorably by the committee, and the bill of Mr. Polk requiring the sheriff to provide a list of persons who have not paid their poll tax, creating a county black list, this bill also bearing a favorable report. The former bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee, and the latter was also re-referred.

Several interesting bills affecting the interests of railroads, insurance and telephone companies were introduced in the Senate.—News and Observer, 17th.

Into Open Switch.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 13.—Running at high speed, a Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific passenger train bound for Chicago, dashed into an open switch at Barney, N. M., early to-day. Five persons were killed and eight injured, none fatally.

When the train dashed into the switch the locomotive left the track and turned over, pinning the engineer and fireman underneath. The express car, the dining car and a Pullman, were thrown from the track.

How to Cure Chills.

"To enjoy freedom from chills," writes John Kemp, East Otisfield, Me., "I apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Have also used it for salt rheum with excellent results." Guaranteed to cure fever sore, indolent ulcers, piles, burns, wounds, frost bites and skin diseases, etc at Hood Bros. drug store.

Thos. H. Mitchell, a brakeman on the Southern railway, fell from a car a few miles north of Spencer last Wednesday night and both legs were cut off by the passing train. The man was not missed by the train crew but was later found by a passenger train and taken to a hospital in Greensboro, where he died as a result of his injuries.

DELIGHTFUL RECEPTION AT SELMA.

Interesting Event in Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Millard Nowell.

The reception given by Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Winston on the evening of January 8th in honor of Mr and Mrs. R. M. Nowell, who have just returned from their bridal trip was an event filled with delightful anticipation to the many fortunate who had received invitations several days before.

The doors of their handsome new home were thrown open promptly at the hour, 8:30. On the reception of cards by the butler the guests entered to be most cordially greeted in the front hall by Mrs. R. J. Noble.

In this parlor, Mr. and Mrs. Winston, Mr. and Mrs. Nowell received.

The charming manner in which all were alike welcomed made each and every one feel glad to be present on such a delightful occasion.

From the parlors Mr. and Mrs. Candler ushered the guests on their arrival in the dining room, where Misses Matthews and Ethredge gracefully presided over the salad course, thence to the punch bowl here to find Misses Noble and Winston presiding in a most pleasing manner.

In the south room was served cake and cream a la Dughi. Here Mesdames Claude Smith and L. D. Debnam delightfully served the guests.

In the library Mesdames Carrington and Person presided at the coffee urn. Too quickly the time passed!

During the evening more than one hundred guests were received.

With a promise from Mr. and Mrs. Winston to tender the next couple married in Selma such a reception we can almost hear the wedding bells.—Selma News.

More Pay for Thousands.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 15.—The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company announced today that, beginning January 1, a general increase has been made in the salaries of clerks, agents, trainmasters, dispatchers, section masters, etc.

The percentage of increase has not yet been computed, the object having been to make the advance general in all departments without regard to recent increases for efficiency and length of time in some branches of the service.

The advance affects several thousand employes on the three divisions of the system and will increase the operating expenses of the road more than a quarter of a million dollars a year.

The reason given for the general advance is the increased cost of living.

NATURE'S CATARRH CURE.

Sensible and Scientific Way to Cure this Disagreeable Disease.

In no other way can catarrh be cured as naturally and quickly as by the use of Hyomei breathed through the neat pocket inhaler that comes with every outfit.

In this way all the air that enters the nasal passages, the throat or the lungs, is filled with Hyomei's healing medication reaching the most remote air cells of the respiratory organs, and soothing and healing the irritated mucous membrane.

So strong is Hood Bros. faith in the power of Hyomei to cure catarrhal troubles, that with every dollar outfit they sell they give a guarantee to refund the money unless it cures.

The complete Hyomei outfit costs but \$1.00, extra bottles, if needed, 50c.

J. C. Duke, formerly an operator for the Southern railway at Salisbury and Spencer, has brought suit against the Southern for \$25,000 damages for injuries sustained in a collision in the Southern's yard in Salisbury in November, 1905.

NEW COTTON MILL FOR CLAYTON.

Small Pox Scare Over—Personal and Local Items of Interest to Many.

Mr. John Allen, of Auburn, was a visitor here Wednesday.

Mr. R. S. Penny, mail carrier on route No. 3, is having a fifteen days vacation.

Messrs. J. W. Stephenson and H. D. Ellington, of Smithfield, were here Wednesday on business.

Mr. Burlan L. Hall and Miss Eva Pridgen, of Raleigh, are visiting relatives and friends near here.

Clayton High School is still increasing its list of students. Several new ones registered this week.

Mrs. McRay Smith and family have moved here. We extend to them a very hearty welcome to our city.

Mr. R. W. Finlaytor, freight agent for the Southern at Raleigh, spent Wednesday here with his family.

Mrs. Walter A. Branch, of near Auburn, spent several days here recently the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jas. L. Ellis.

Prof. J. R. Williams is now a full-fledged justice of the peace. Should you need the services of one, this notice may help you out.

Mr. B. H. Wilson, a representative of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., was here Wednesday in the interest of his concern.

Messrs. B. M. Robertson & Co. have recently received a car load of nice mules and seem to be pushing the business along to a finish.

During this year there will be services at the Baptist church on the first, third and fourth Sundays by the pastor, Rev. C. W. Blanchard.

Miss Lilly Barnes, stenographer in the employ of the Atlantic Coast Line at Hope Mills, after a visit to parents, left Monday to resume her work.

There is now no reason for being scared of smallpox in Clayton. Mr. H. Pool and family, the only people in town who have had it, have moved to the country for a while and the rooms at the hotel have been thoroughly whitewashed and disinfected. Dr. Robertson, the physician who has had charge of the cases from the start, says there is no danger now.

The site for the new cotton mill is practically decided upon and the stockholders will meet on the night of January 29th, for the purpose of electing officers. It is expected that work will begin on the excavation about May 1st, or maybe earlier. The site selected is an ideal one and suggests a splendid name for the mill. It is about opposite the old Liberty grounds and you know Liberty Cotton Mills wouldn't be a bad name, would it?

Jan. 16 YELIR.

Woman Gets \$3,000 a Year.

Philadelphia, Jan. 13.—Miss Margaret Forderer, to whose talents Mayor Weaver has just paid a new recognition by making her his private secretary, is the first woman in the history of the municipality to occupy this position, which is exempt from civil service examination.

In the short time she has held office from which her predecessors advanced to the foremost posts in the services of both the city and state, bringing emoluments as high as \$15,000 and more a year, she has made herself quite at home.

A mere slip of a girl, fragile and dainty and only 22 years old, she has won not only the commendation of the mayor, but of the large number of people, big and little, whose business brings them into the chambers of the chief executive.

When George A. Welch left

the secretaryship to become assistant district attorney, Mayor Weaver advanced Miss Forderer from her \$1,200 position as stenographer to the vacant place, which pays \$3,000. He did so because he considered her the only assistant who was familiar with the duties. And so, without the least fuss, she stepped into the new position, which makes her the absolute ruler of the mayor's office.

Selma News Notes.

Mrs. L. D. Debnam went to Clayton Tuesday.

Mr. J. P. Templer, of Wake county, has moved here and will deal in real estate.

The many friends of William Richardson, Esq., will be glad to learn that he is improving steadily and will soon be out.

The annual meeting of the stock holders of the Bank of Selma was held in their banking rooms on the 15th. The reports of the officers showed a very prosperous year. The old officers were re-elected. The usual semi-annual dividend was paid and a nice sum carried to the undivided profit account.

The Farmers Mercantile Company, with C. Godwin president, A. V. Driver vice president, and W. A. Edgerton secretary and treasurer, have just completed the remodeling of the stores formerly occupied by Ray-Godwin Co. and A. V. Driver, and is one of the most convenient and commodious stores in the country, and are now "at home" to their friends. They are buying goods in large quantities it seems from the loads of cook stoves and other things they are hauling in. They have a car load of the famous Hackney Buggies, a car load of furniture and large quantities of general merchandise.

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January 16th.

General News Items.

The House of Delegates of the West Virginia Legislature has voted to appropriate \$55,000 for an exhibit at Jamestown.

Preparations are being made at Newport News to handle 5,000 United States troops to be sent through that port to Cuba.

Frederick C. Fairbanks, a son of the Vice-President, has been indicted at Pittsburg on a charge of perjury in swearing to the residence of the girl with whom he eloped.

The trade of the United States the past year with China heavily fell off, the exports of cotton goods falling from \$31,000,000 to \$17,000,000, and kerosene oil from 71,000,000 gallons to 44,000,000 gallons.

The Senate Saturday passed a bill increasing the pensions of aged Mexican and Civil War veterans to from \$12 to \$20 per month, adding from \$6,000,000 to \$9,000,000 to the pension liability of the government; the House passed 628 private pension bills.

Martin F. Ansel was inaugurated Governor of South Carolina Tuesday in the presence of a large audience. He is the first Chief Executive who has essayed to oppose the State dispensary system, which was enacted 15 years ago under the leadership of Gov. B. R. Tillman. Governor Ansel was elected on an anti-dispensary platform, which carries the abolition of the State dispensary system, leaving the question to the counties to decide for themselves as between county dispensaries and prohibition. In his inaugural address he recommended the abolition of the present liquor system, which, under State control, has grown to be a \$4,000,000 business.

The proposition of certain Congressmen to compel all mail trains to carry them free is no worse than compelling the postal department to carry their household effects, personal belongings, etc., free and charging it up to the postal deficit.—Woman's National Daily.

FLORIDA LIMITED WRECKED.

No One Severely Hurt—Four Pullmans Burned—Wreck Thought to Have Been Caused by Train Wreckers.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 16.—Train No. 84, of the Seaboard Air Line, known as the Florida Limited, ran into an open switch two miles north of Raleigh at 3:45 o'clock this morning, but none of the passengers were seriously injured or killed. Conductor Haddock, of Richmond, Va., was slightly cut and bruised.

The accident occurred at the Raleigh and Pamlico entrance to the Seaboard Air Line main line, and according to statements of the division superintendent, there is strong and almost absolute evidence that it was due to the malicious work of wreckers.

Fire started immediately and the baggage car, the dining car "Monroe" and two Pullman sleepers, the "Euripades" and the "Midlake" were entirely consumed, along with three or four freight cars on the siding. The body of John C. Durbin, of Harrisburg, Pa., who died at Palm Beach, Fla., was partially cremated, the legs, head and arms being consumed.

A southbound train passed over the stretch of track fifteen minutes before the limited was wrecked. The switchlock was badly bent, and there were fresh cuts inflicted by some heavy instrument.

The locomotive was derailed and remained intact, after plowing into the earth for a depth of several feet. The engineer declares that he saw four men hiding near by just as his engine hit the switch.

Oldest Diplomat Dead.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The Brazilian Embassy has received the news of the death at Rio de Janeiro today of Viscount De Cabo Frio, Director-General of the Brazilian Department for Foreign Affairs. He was 89 years old, being 67 years in the service, his first nomination as one of the arbitrators on the mixed Anglo-Brazilian commission in Serra Leone dating from 1840.

Cabo Frio served in the Brazilian Legation in London from 1845 to 1851, then in that of Paris during the first years of the Second Empire, being appointed a Minister in 1858. He was called to be the head of the Department for Foreign Affairs in Rio in 1865, remaining at his post since then with the exception of short intervals, only during which he was sent on special missions to the River Plata republics.

Viscount Cabo Frio is said to have been the oldest member of the diplomatic profession in the world.

Cut Off His Own Head.

Vicksburg, Miss., Jan. 12.—Harry N. Nathan, a civil engineer and railroad contractor of New Orleans, cut off his own head with a huge Mexican machete five feet long and made in the shape of a razor. Nathan placed the blade beneath his throat and the handle over his neck and snipped off his head.

The 8-year-old son of John Harris, a farmer living near Elizabeth City, opened the gate for his father, who was coming home from town with a load of fertilizer, and then climbed on the wagon to ride. The wheel ran into a cut, the boy was thrown off and the wheels of the loaded vehicle passed over him and crushed him to death.

The Right Name.

Mr. August Sherpe, the popular overseer of the poor, at Fort Madison, Ia., says: "Dr. King's New Life Pills are rightly named; they act more agreeably, do more good and make one feel better than any other laxative." Guaranteed to cure biliousness and constipation. 25c at Hood Bros. drug store.