

NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

Occurrences of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the Busy Tar Heel State

STUDENT LOAN FUND.

A Practical Method Adopted by the Management of the A. & M. College at Raleigh for the Assistance of Deserving Young Men in Obtaining an Education.

By means of a unique plan adopted by the management of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh, a small fund of about \$2,000 dollars has in the past seven years been the means of helping nearly a hundred boys and young men of this State to obtain a practical education in this institution.

For the information of students desiring to avail themselves of such aid and persons in position to assist them in this way, we quote the following extracts from an appeal recently issued by a committee of the college alumni association for an increase in this fund:

"Among those who anxiously desire to receive training at the Agricultural and Mechanical College are large numbers of bright, ambitious and capable boys who are not able to pay their way in full through college, but who can save enough from their work to pay part of their expenses. These boys are therefore cut off from preparation for life by the lack of a few dollars. A limited number of boys do pay nearly all of their expenses by work at the College, but the amount of remunerative work at any institution is too small to help a tithe of those who sadly need to fit themselves for proper farming. President Hill reports that he receives scores and scores of pitiful letters for help from farm lads whose hearts are set on receiving an agricultural education, but who cannot meet all of their expenses. These boys lack only opportunity to become large contributors to the wealth and happiness of our State."

"To help such boys, the College started a few years ago a Loan Fund which now amounts to \$2,000. Small as this sum is, it has already helped eighty-eight boys through College. These boys could never have received an education, but for this fund, which has been lent on an average of \$43 per student."

"The Loan Fund is managed in this way: Loans are made only to poor boys of character. Each loan is secured by a properly endorsed note, and bears 6 per cent. interest. As soon as a note is paid, the original amount with the interest is returned to the fund and at once goes to aid some other worthy student. It is most gratifying to say that these notes are promptly paid, and that so far not one cent of this money has been lost."

"Now, as graduates of the College, with a full knowledge of how valuable its training was to us, we appeal to the farmers of our State to contribute to this Loan Fund such sums as they are able. The State can give no money for this purpose. Each dollar will aid somebody's boy to get the special education for which he is longing. Each dollar will grow year by year from the interest and soon be helping several boys instead of one. We feel sure that when our farmers and business men know how much good this small fund is doing, and when they realize how much more good a larger fund could do, they will gladly and generously add their contributions whether these contributions be large or small."

A. E. Escott, Walter Clark, Jr., and R. H. Merritt, all of Raleigh, N. C., constitute the committee of Alumni to whom remittances can be made.

Gastonia's Big Poultry Show.

Gastonia, Special.—Arrangements have already begun for the next exhibition of the Gastonia Poultry Association. At a recent meeting new officers were elected, dates claimed and a judge appointed. Mr. J. W. Nolen was elected president, and Mr. S. S. Morris secretary. The dates are December 7th-10th.

Boy Kills His Brother.

Hickory, Special.—Saturday afternoon the twelve year old son of J. M. Allred, of Granite Falls, accidentally shot and killed his brother, a boy of about eight years. The older boy had carried the gun into the yard to shoot at some sparrows and had it cocked when he attempted to lower the hammer of the gun. In some way the gun was discharged and the entire load passed through the neck of the younger boy, who was standing only a few feet away, almost severing his head from his body.

Committee Returns.

Spencer, Special.—The committee representing the machinists and other labor organizations, which has been in Washington for the past week in conference with the Southern Railway officials relative to the wage scale, have returned, but will give out nothing for publication. It is said, however, that the employes will get all that they are asking of the company except the number of hours they are to be employed.

SOUTH DAKOTA INQUIRES.

Paving the Way to Return the Money For Repudiated Bonds.

State Treasurer Lacy has received a letter of much interest from Dome Robertson, superintendent of the legislative reference division of South Dakota. The letter is as follows: "I am requested to inquire of you the present market value of the State bonds given in aid of the western North Carolina Railway, ten of which were presented to South Dakota. There is, as you are perhaps aware, a movement in our Legislature to return to your State the money received from these bonds, and in the discussion growing out of it the members desire to know the present value of the paper."

"This State paid South Dakota, for the ten bonds, \$27,400, which is \$2,704 each, including not only the face value and coupons, but compound interest. It compromised with Mr. Schaefer, of New York, for \$215,000 for bonds he held, these being valued at \$892 each with no interest. It is stated that of the \$27,400 which went to South Dakota, the lawyers in the case for that State, Daniel L. Russell and Marion Butler, probably got half."

Henry Ewing Insane.

Salisbury, Special.—The case against Henry Young, alias Henry Ewing, who attempted to criminally assault Mrs. James R. Moss, at Moss Siding, in Stanley county, on December 15th, was taken up in Rowan Superior Court, where the case was moved, Wednesday morning, and the result was, after examining several witnesses and Dr. I. H. Foust, that Judge Jones had the jury to decide as to Young's sanity and it was of the opinion that the negro was insane and the court ordered him confined in the criminal department for the insane at the penitentiary, and should he ever recover, which is doubtful, he will be put on trial. It was feared that he would be lynched in Stanley, where he fought those who rescued the lady.

It Was Set on Fire.

Rocky Mount, Special.—A fire that was beyond a doubt of incendiary origin, was discovered in an unoccupied residence here Saturday night about nine o'clock by persons living next door in time to prevent the destruction of the building. Saturday night a few minutes before 9 o'clock, it was noted by the occupant of the house next door that someone was in this house, which it was known was unoccupied. Later it was seen that one of the rooms of the house was in a blaze. When the cry of fire was made several persons who were attracted by the alarm saw a person flee from the building. A well-directed bucket brigade put out the fire.

Line is Assured.

High Point, Special.—At last it seems that this city is to have an electric railway and interurban lines. Coler & Company, who bought the interests of Vanbrunt and his associates, had their counsel before the board Tuesday night and submitted a contract, which was unanimously endorsed. It insured cars in this city within a year, and an interurban line in operation in two years. It also fixes the price of travel. In connection, a gas plant will be installed, and the company agrees not to sell electric lights in competition with the city, which owns its own plant.

Work on Line Begun.

Salisbury, Special.—Work was begun Monday on the new line of the Piedmont Street Railway, a newly organized corporation in this city, which will extend from the central part of the city to the Yadkin Valley Fair Grounds, to East Spencer, and to China Grove. The first rails have been laid and the line is to be in operation by May 1 of this year.

Boy Meets Awful Death.

Goldsboro, Special.—One of the most shocking accidents in the history of Goldsboro befell Charlie King, son of Horace E. King, superintendent of the Southern Cotton Seed Oil Mill, at this mill Monday afternoon, when the boy fell into the large conveyor and was fearfully cut before aid reached him. The first alarm that any of the employes heard was the shrieks of the lad. Joe Atkinson, rescued him. Everything that the medical profession could do was done, but death finally came about 6 o'clock.

Mining Company Reorganized.

Salisbury, Special.—With Walter George Newman, a well known financier of New York, as president, and a working capital of \$200,000 available, the Union Copper Mines, of Gold Hill, Rowan county, have been reorganized and operations resumed on a large scale. Mr. Newman was president of the mine company ten years ago, but it passed into other hands and was sold at auction last week.

TARIFF CONVENTION OPEN WITH N. C. LAWMAKERS

Non-Partisan Board Urged—First Session of the National Tariff Commission Convened in Indianapolis For a Discussion of Ways and Means For Improving the Tariff System.

Indianapolis, Ind., Special.—Men of opposing political parties and whose views on the construction of a tariff differed as widely as the tenets of their parties, sat side by side as delegates and joined in tumultuous applause Tuesday as speaker after speaker in the first national tariff commission convention vigorously denounced the present tariff and the method of its construction.

That the present tariff system has been outgrown and that the United States lingers decades behind the scientific methods of European countries was repeated almost as often as a new speaker addressed the delegates. That the prompt establishment of a non-partisan tariff commission was the only remedy for present conditions was repeated as often.

J. W. Van Cleave, of St. Louis, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, who was made the permanent chairman of the gathering, aroused the first enthusiasm by asserting that the tariff must be taken out of partisan politics, and Congressman Fowler, of New Jersey, who is sponsor of the Beveridge commission bill now before Congress, caused a demonstration when he asserted that the tariff must cease to be the football of political parties.

Former Governor Guild, of Massachusetts; Senator Brown, of Nebraska, and Congressman Ransdell, of Louisiana, gave the varying viewpoints of their sections.

Henry R. Towne questioned vigorously the ability of the members of the ways and means committee to deal intelligently with the tariff. H. E. Miles, a manufacturer, coincided with Mr. Towne.

MEXICAN THEATRE BURNS.

Moving Picture Machine Starts Fire in Crowded Theatre at Acapulco, Mexico, and Between 250 and 300 People Lose Their Lives.

Mexico City, Special.—Between 250 and 300 people were burned to death and many were injured in a fire which destroyed the Flores Theatre in the City of Acapulco Sunday night. The news of the disaster reached this city Monday afternoon, telegraphic communication with Acapulco having been destroyed owing to the fact that the telegraph office adjoining the theatre was burned and all wires put out of commission.

The floor of the theatre was a wooden affair and over one thousand people crowded into it.

One of the numbers of the programme consisted of a series of moving pictures. While the operator was exhibiting these, a film caught fire and a blaze was quickly communicated to some bunting which had been used for decorative purposes. In an incredibly short time the flames spread to all parts of the structure. There were but three narrow exits, and the panic-stricken audience rushed to these, many falling and being crushed, their bodies choking the way of escape to others.

It was impossible to rescue those imprisoned who were literally roasted alive, as the fire burned with little smoke and few were suffocated.

Monday pitiful scenes of grief were enacted in the streets of the little west coast port. Men, women and children are wandering from place to place, hunting relatives or friends. In some instances entire families were wiped out of existence. The municipal authorities caused large trenches to be dug and into these the remains of the dead were laid.

Mr. Knox Will be Premier.

Washington, Special.—In the opinion of President-elect Taft, Philander C. Knox is now legally eligible to receive the appointment of Secretary of State. That he will be the premier in the Taft Cabinet was again positively stated by Mr. Taft Tuesday night at the White House, the statement being made after two conferences Tuesday between the President-elect and Mr. Knox.

200 Miners Entombed in British Mine

Newcastle, England, By Cable.—A terrible disaster has occurred at West Stanley, a small mining town 12 miles distant, in which, it is feared, 180 lives have been lost. There were two explosions at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the West Stanley colliery, which employs 400 men. Nearly 200 of them were in the pit at the time, and up to a late hour Tuesday night none of them had come to the surface. Rappings have been heard, and it is supposed that these are from some of the miners who escaped death from the explosion and the fire which followed it.

Attempt to Segregate Jap School Children Fails.

Sacramento, Cal., Special.—An unavailing attempt was made Tuesday in the lower house of the Legislature to accomplish by amendment to a school bill the segregation of Japanese pupils in the public schools. Its intent was to do what was sought to be done by Assemblymen Johnson's measure that recently caused President Roosevelt to address the California Legislature.

Doings of the State Legislature Condensed—Interesting Items from Day to Day.

Two messages from the Governor were laid before the Senate. One recommended the payment of the \$5,700 claim of the estate of the late David L. Swain against the State University. And the other urged an amendment to the 1907 anti-trust act such as would fulfill the party pledge in the Democratic platform in this regard.

The following bills passed final reading:

Renew the charter of the Edgecombe Railroad Co.

Add the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to the board of trustees of the University of North Carolina.

Relating to the time for computation and settlement of the State debt, extending the time to July, 1910.

In the House the special order for the day, the Harshaw bill for the election of the county boards of education by the vote of the people in the several counties, together with several other bills of like nature for individual counties, including Cherokee, was laid before the House.

Considerable discussion followed. The Governor's message as to anti-trust legislation was read and referred to the judiciary committee No. 2.

At the night session many bills of local nature passed their second reading. The following were of general interest:

Empower board of medical examiners to grant limited license to certain physicians to practice in designated territory.

For separation of white and colored prisoners in the State penitentiary convict camps and jails during eating and sleeping hours. Amended by committee so that they shall not be shackled together. This is the bill of Mr. Morton, of New Hanover, and he explained that only four counties now do not separate the races and the bill was introduced to remove all doubt as to the law. A committee amendment makes a cloth or canvass partition sufficient in temporary structures.

The following new bills were introduced in the Senate Thursday.

Elliott: Amend charter of Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association of North Carolina.

Dockery: Calling a constitutional convention to be held the first Thursday in June, 1911.

Dockery and Elliott: Amend the constitution of North Carolina by providing for quadrennial instead of biennial elections.

Blow: Provide for registration and identification of automobiles on the highways of North Carolina.

A number of local bills passed their third reading.

In the House the following bills of general interest were offered:

McWilliams: Authorize the State board of education to unite with certain land-owners to drain Mattamuskeet lake and adjacent swamp lands.

Gordon: Establish card index system for grants and change method of filing warrants, plats and surveys in the office of the Secretary of State.

Dowd: Amend Sec. 2891, Revisal, so that in case a county bids in land at sale for taxes the county shall be responsible for the State taxes.

Dowd: Regulate practice of architecture and create board of examiners and provide for licenses.

Morton: Pension disabled Confederate veterans. (Additional pensions to those badly disabled, irrespective of classes and property).

Doughton: Authorize issue of State bonds falling due July 1st, 1910. (\$1,340,000).

Graham: Amend Chap. 674, Laws of 1907, by establishing fifth grade for pensioners and making eligible to pensions all persons of color who served the Confederate government.

Graham: Authorize State geologist to co-operate with the geological survey and make a map of every county in the State.

Many bills of local interest passed their third reading.

The following new bills were introduced in the Senate Friday:

Barringer: Encourage agriculture and home industry.

Pharr: Amend 1190, Revisal, relative to appointment of receivers of corporations.

Dockery (by request): Requiring the use of electric headlights on certain locomotive engines.

Senator Manning presented a resolution that when the Senate adjourn it do so in honor of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, this being his birthday. This resolution was put upon its immediate passage.

The following bills passed final reading:

Make every vessel or boat in home ports subject to liens.

Repeat the law relative to the powers of the building committee in the erection of the girls' dormitory of Cullowhee High School.

Exempt railway mail clerks and rural free delivery carriers from jury duty in North Carolina. Amended by Senator Peele to include railroad engineers and conductors in active service.

To strengthen the constitutionality of the set for the separation of the races on street cars.

Require all gates on public roads to be automatic to facilitate travel.

tion of the rule for mileage books to be presented to ticket agents instead of conductors made special order for next-Wednesday.

In the House the following bills were introduced:

Cotten: Provide for the settlement of titles to land in North Carolina and institute the Torrens system.

Poole: Prevent forfeiture of life policies without notice.

Smith, of Harnett: Amend 2672, Revisal, as to penalties on railroads for failure to deliver freight in reasonable time; amend 2634, relating to failure of payment of penalties, prevent persons from walking on railroad tracks, repeal 2631, relating to penalties for failure to receive freight.

The special order bill, the Fish Bill consumed much time for consideration at the House adjourned at 2:30 till 3 p. m., when it passed a number of bills on their second readings.

In the Senate Saturday new bills were in part as follows:

Spence: Protect holders of accident insurance policies.

The Manning bill to authorize the issuance of refunding bonds for the State bonds that fall due in 1910, aggregating upwards of three million dollars passed second reading, being a roll-call bill.

Bills passed final reading were: Amend the charter of the Virginia-Carolina Southern Railroad Company.

Amend Sec. 1112, Revisal, relating to the power of corporations, giving them an insurable interest in the life of officers and employees or agents in cases where a financial loss would be suffered by their death.

Amend act of 1905 and authorize the settlement of the remaining five outstanding bonds of the South Dakota class for the construction of the Western North Carolina Railroad.

House bill relative to the property of insane people discharged from insane asylums and providing that a certificate of recovery by the superintendent duly recorded in the county shall restore such persons to rights of property.

A number of bills were introduced Saturday in the House of local nature. A goodly number also passed their third reading. Among them was, Committee substitute for Senate bill to provide for inspection of gas, electric and water meters in towns adopting the law.

In the Senate Monday the following new bills were introduced:

Barringer: Provide for the punishment of safe-crackers.

Wray: Require the board of education to furnish text-books for indigent public school children.

Barringer: Relating to the compensation of solicitors.

Dockery: Resolution revising the payment of the expenses of the joint committee on the deaf and dumb in visiting the State School at Morganton.

Authorize three millions State bonds for refunding the State bonds falling due in 1910.

Senate resolution to pay the expenses of the sub-committee in visiting the State School for the Deaf and Dumb.

The following passed final reading: The substitute bill for amending Sec. 3057, Revisal, imposing a tax of \$64 on mineral water companies doing business in this State with a graduated scale of taxes.

Scott (by request): Regulate military affairs.

In the House on Monday new bills were as follows:

Morton: Relative to the sale of non-intoxicating beverages, allowing the sale of those having not more than 2 per cent alcohol.

Barnes, of Hertford: Enlarge and remodel the State house and issue bonds in the sum of \$500,000 to pay the same.

Hageman: Provide for the maintenance and enlargement of Appalachian Training School.

Linnev: Require the State board of education to furnish necessary books to indigent children.

Graham: Establish State drug commission and prevent the sale of adulterated drugs.

Koonce: Increase the annual appropriation for Confederate pensions from \$400,000 to \$500,000.

A number passed final reading, being of local or private interest.

One of the most interesting features of the Senate Tuesday was a preamble and resolution by Senator Barringer looking to the removal of the State capital from Raleigh to Greensboro.

Sensors, as a rule, seemed to take the proposition anything but seriously, and there were amendments from Senators from various quarters of the State to have their respective towns designated as the seat of the State government. Senator Dockery wanted Rockingham; Means, Concord; Fry, Asheville; Klutz, Salisbury; Bassett, Rocky Mount, and there were others.

The following new bills were offered:

Doughton: Amend the Revisal relating to weights and measures.

Blow: Provide special tax for maintenance of four months' school in every school district in the State.

On motion of Senator Ormond the vote by which the bill for the betterment of rural free delivery service had passed earlier in the day was reconsidered.

The bill by Senator Klutz to provide fire escapes and protect human life came up as special order and

passed its final reading after a number of minor amendments.

The following bills were introduced out of order:

Means: Prohibit the sale of liquors in Cabarrus county except in medical dispensary.

Long, of Person: Amend 4780, Revisal, in regard to securities deposited with the Insurance Commissioner.

In the House Mr. Morton of New Hanover raised a sensation under the personal privilege rule. A number of bills consumed the day.

The House was in session three hours Tuesday night, and after passing a great number of roll-call bills on second reading and on final reading, many important local and private bills, adjourned to 10:30 Wednesday morning.

Representative Taylor's joint resolution is one of far-reaching import, calling on Congress to make suitable appropriation for deepening the Wilmington and Southport channels, and constructing the necessary canals across Florida for a short route to the Gulf of Mexico and the Panama canal in carrying out the scheme of the transcontinental railway for a port of entry south of Hatteras, and especially with the idea of meeting the great commercial opportunities of the South to be afforded by the opening of the Panama canal.

Thirty Dead in Collision of Steamers.

Algiers, By Cable.—An unknown sailing vessel rammed the Belgian steamer Australia during a storm February 12th near Alberon island, in the Mediterranean, one hundred miles from Gibraltar. Both vessels foundered. The total loss of life was thirty, fourteen men from the sailing vessel and sixteen from the Australia. Ten members of the crew of the Australia who had put off from that steamer in a small boat were picked up by the German steamer Liberia and brought in here.

May Send War Vessel to Liberia.

Washington, Special.—The State Department is considering the question of dispatching an American war vessel to Liberia where alarm is felt for the safety of British and French citizens employed in the customs service of the republic. Already the British government has dispatched a war vessel to Monrovia and also a company of soldiers. The present situation, according to official advices, may result in the passing of its 40,000 miles of territory into alien hands.

First Day of Cooper Trial.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—Filled with dramatic incidents and marked by scenes that bordered on the sensational, the first day of the actual trial of the Cooper-Sharp case closed Tuesday night with both sides claiming to be well satisfied with the progress made. Whether Col. Dunce B. Cooper, Robin J. Cooper and John D. Sharpe killed former Senator Edward W. Carmack in self-defense or as a result of a conspiracy is the great issue in the case.

GROUNDS FOR COMPLAINT.

"Any complaints, corporal!" said the colonel, making one morning a personal inspection.

"Yes, sir. Taste that, sir," said the corporal promptly.

The colonel put the liquid to his lips.

"Why," he said, "that's the best soup I ever tasted!"

"Yes, sir," said the corporal, "and the cook wants to call it coffee!"—Aronaut.

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