

# LEGISLATURE GETS DOWN TO BUSINESS

GOVERNOR CRAIG DELIVERS HIS MESSAGE.—SEVERAL IMPORTANT BILLS.

## UNDER THE CAPITAL DOME

Interesting Review of the Happenings That Have Occurred in Raleigh During the Past Week—With the Solons Also.

Raleigh.

Pleading for justice to North Carolina office holders whose salaries he wants raised, eulogizing Woodrow Wilson as the inspired leader of the world's most blessed people and lauding the progress of North Carolina under Democratic government, Governor Underwood bound himself closer to North Carolinians in a most eloquent address to a joint session of the two houses of the legislature held in the house of representatives.

At 12:15 the Governor entered and was given an ovation, the two bodies rising in courtesy to the Chief Executive. Mr. Craig's message was listened to intently. Repeatedly he was enthusiastically applauded, especially when he alluded to the achievements of Democracy under Woodrow Wilson's administration and when he spoke of North Carolina's baby crop.

The Governor delivered one of the greatest speeches of his career, and held his hearers rapt for 54 minutes. His message covered practically every phase of North Carolina's life. His recommendations were received with attention and will bear fruit during this session.

Governor Craig spoke in favor of the continuance of state convict labor being used on construction of railroads for the opening of undeveloped territory of the state and the taking of stock in the enterprises as payment for the service of the men. He also favored the passage of a law for the return of part of the earnings of state convicts to the dependent families of the prisoners.

Upon the conclusion of the Governor's message, the joint session adjourned. The senate retired. The house recessed, after a resolution had been adopted appointing a committee to arrange plans for Thomas W. Bickett's inauguration as Governor. Representatives Wilson, Doughton and Beasley were appointed to this committee.

### A Purchasing Board.

The first steps looking to big general legislation was taken in the senate when Senator Oates, of Fayetteville, introduced a resolution, which was adopted, for the appointment of a joint committee of the house and senate to investigate the advisability of creating a central purchasing agency for the state institutions and the state departments, and the appointment of a committee to act with a similar committee from the house to consider the recommendations of the Governor in regard to the increase of salaries of state officers and employees, the latter action being taken on the resolution of Senator Scales, of Greensboro.

Senator Brenizer of Mecklenburg, contributed to the legislative hopper one of the most significant and important resolutions yet offered at this session, involving the state's financial policy as to the amendment of its institutions. It would be supplemental to the Oates resolution for a special committee to investigate as to the advisability of creating a central state purchasing agent or board.

Mr. Brenizer would have this committee to also investigate and report as to the advisability of "the creation and establishment of a special board of appropriations to which all applications for appropriations by the institutions and departments of state shall be made and which shall make such recommendations in regard to such applications as it may deem proper.

And also upon the advisability of the creation and establishment of a state board of control with powers to supervise all state institutions. If this committee decides to report favorably upon the advisability of such agency or board then it shall draw bills for such purpose and report them to this session."

The Brenizer resolution passed all its readings in the senate without opposition and was sent to the house.

### Pender Stock Law.

One local bill to put Pender county immediately back into free range condition stirred a tremendous hearing before the legislative committees and came in finally for unfavorable report, which assures its defeat.

It had already passed the House before a hundred or more citizens of

### Youth is Noticeable.

Youth is a prominent characteristic in the house this time. No less than a dozen members of this branch have hardly passed their twenty-fifth milestones. Noticeable among this number is Representative Swain, of Tyrrell, a Democrat who just a twelve-month ago attained his majority, but who played an important part in a Democratic victory in a narrowly Republican county, defeating J. C. Meekins, member of the 1915 session, by 34 votes. Mr. Swain is an alumnus of the State University and practices law at Columbus.

Pender raided the legislators with "save Pender" badges. The hearing consumed all the afternoon in a crowded Senate chamber. Senator Burnett, who earnestly favored the bill, pleaded in vain that his people by nearly two to one wanted to be rid of the stock law. The delegation, headed by C. E. McCullenn, insisted that the owners of 75 per cent of the property in the county wanted to retain the stock law and that all were wholly unprepared to revert to free range now. In the end there was an executive session of the committee, Long of Alamance, chairman, and an unfavorable report.

Lieutenant Governor-elect Gardner, who is selecting the senate committees, has named James A. Gray, Jr., of Winston-Salem, as chairman of the finance committee and he is organizing for a careful administration of the committee work, the most important of the assembly. Others of this committee are: Scales, Holderness, Matheson, Warren, Blue, Everett, McCoin, McNider, Gough, Johnson, Person, Tucker, Pollock, and Dewese.

### Murphy Chosen as Speaker.

Walter Murphy was chosen nominee for speaker of the House of Representatives by the Democratic caucus. Mr. Murphy's nomination came by acclamation following a hard-fought two-day battle waged by his friends and those of Gallatin Roberts and Henry Page.

Mr. Murphy is a lawyer of Salisbury. He served as representative in the House during the sessions of 1897, 1899, 1903, 1905, 1907, 1913 and presided over the special term of 1914. In placing his name before the caucus Ex-Lieut. Gov. Doughton paid a glowing tribute to his service and efficiency and predicted that under his leadership the work of the House would be expedited and that he would reflect credit upon the party elevating him the position of leader.

### McRary Leads Minority.

John Ray McRary, representative from Davidson, was named as minority leader of the House by Republican representatives.

### Senate Gets Busy.

Under the chairmanship of Senator McNider of Perquimans the Senate Democratic caucus quickly dispatched its business in the Senate chamber. The nominees selected were as follows:

President pro tem of the Senate, Senator F. C. Harding of Pitt.

Principal clerk, R. O. Self of Jackson county.

Sergeant-at-arms, W. D. Gaster of Cumberland county.

Assistant sergeant-at-arms, John W. Alexander of Clay county.

Reading clerk, C. C. Broughton, of Montgomery.

### Senate Committees Named.

The following committees were announced by the president of the senate:

Agriculture—Daveport, chairman; Everhart, Gough, Brock, Kelly, Blue, Earhardt, Mattheson, Transou, Braswell.

Appropriations—Holderness, chairman; Gray, Everett, Turner, Branizer, Bennett, Bunn, Nelson, Ray, Mattheson, Linn, Burgaw, Pollock.

Banking and Currency—Harrill, chairman; Mattheson, Johnson, Holderness, Pollock, Cameron, Hall.

Claims—Johnson, chairman; Davenport, Ross, Burnett, Kelly, Transou, Ray, Brenizer, Hall.

Rules—Linn, chairman; McNider, Allen, Long of Alamance, Gray, Bennett, Bunn, Gough, Williams.

Counties, Cities and Towns—Bunn, chairman; Gough, Allen, Long of Alamance, Tucker, Transou, Thompson, Burgwyn, Parker.

Constitutional Amendments—Warren, chairman; McNider, Long of Halifax, Harding, Allen, Jones, Nelson, Johnson.

Congressional Apportionments—Bennett, chairman; Person, Allen, Brock, Justice, Long of Alamance, McCoin, Pollock, Tucker, Williams.

Elections—Oates, chairman; Everett, Long of Alamance, Gough, Turner, Matheson, McNider, Bunn, Harding, Tucker, McCoin, Dewese.

Corporation Commission—Cranmer, chairman; Ray, Gray, Turner, Linn, Blue, Scales, Long of Alamance, McCoin, Oates, Harding, Gough, Jones.

Distribution of Governor's Message—Transou, chairman; Gough, Bunn, Blue, Thompson, Nelson, Mattheson, Burent, Braswell.

Commerce—Barnhardt, chairman; Gough, Everett, Transou, Mattheson, Bennett, Johnson, Nelson, Dewese.

Corporations—Harding, chairman; Long of Halifax, Burgwyn, Person, Pollock, Allen, Oates, Bunn, Barnhardt, Brenizer, Cameron, Joyce.

### House Committees.

Committees were appointed in the house as follows:

Revision of Laws—Roberts, chairman; Ray, Doughton, Stubbs, Daniels, Ward of Duplin, Pharr, Dees, McCrary, Pritchard.

Game—Cox of Currituck, chairman; Ferbee, Davis, Swain, Joyner, Scott of Paskotank, Griffin, Wright, Plack, Phillips, Grant of Onslow, Russell, Pass, Pickett.

Manufacturers and Labor—Love, chairman; Rankin, Mauney, Dalton, Settlemyre, Roberts of Rockingham, McLendon, Breesse, Baldwin, Forrest, Dees, Matthews of Mecklenburg, Lloyd, Killian, McCrary.

Constitutional Amendments—Grier, chairman; Doughton, Ward, Daniels, Roberts, Dalton, Dees, McCrary, Haymore, Pritchard.

Judiciary No. 1—Stubbs, chairman; Doughton, Grier, Roberts of Buncombe, Ward of Duplin, Brummitt, Pharr, Hoyle, Matthews of Bertie, Wright, Hurley, Price of Union, Heymore, McCrary, Privette, Brock.

## FURNITURE OUTPUT OF STATE

Ninety-Six Factories Report an Annual Value of Thirteen Millions and Unusually Good Business.

Raleigh.—The estimated value of the output of the ninety-six furniture factories in North Carolina, which made reports to the commissioner of labor and printing is \$13,420,000, according to Commissioner Shipman. The furniture factories, he says, are among the biggest assets of the state and are particularly numerous in the western and piedmont sections of North Carolina.

The number of establishments reporting is 96, with a capital stock of \$3,303,343, and an estimated value of plants amounting to \$3,690,995. These establishments report the use of 10,937 horse-power.

The number of wage-earners reported is 7,533; of which 7,241 are males, 28 females and 264 children. The highest average paid males is \$2.87 2-3, the lowest average paid males is .90 2-3. Average number of hours worked per day is 10. The reported estimated yearly payroll is \$2,522,156; the estimated yearly output is \$13,420,000.

Seventy-six factories use steam for motive power, eight use electricity, three use steam and electricity, one uses steam and water, and eight do not report the use of power.

### Agey Released on Bond.

Asheville.—John W. Agey, charged with violation of the "blue sky" laws, was released from jail on bond of \$2,000 furnished by friends. The Southern Orchard Company, of which Agey was an officer, sold fig orchard lands in Georgia to a number of Asheville people, the company operating, it is alleged, without a state license.

Agey was convicted in one case and appealed, bond being placed at \$1,000. He was also held in \$1,000 bond in other cases charged against him. Unable to make the bond, Agey has been in jail until friends made the necessary bond and he was released. Agey, it is understood, will go to Knoxville, Tenn., his old home, until he is wanted in superior court here again.

### Boost Animal Husbandry.

Durham.—Animal husbandry received a great stimulus when one of the three choicest offerings of the International Live Stock Exposition, held December 2-9, in Chicago, was imported into Granville county. The 10-month-old Aberdeen-Angus senior yearling, valued at \$1,500, was shipped to Durham and relayed over the Southern Railway to Lyons, Granville county. The 1,500-pound yearling was purchased on the Chicago stock yards by "Bob" Bullock, a Granville farmer who resides midway between Creedmoor and Hester.

### Did Not Get Pay For Service.

Salisbury.—At a meeting of the local company of artillery at was decided unanimously that they would not attend the inauguration of Governor Bickett. This was before they knew that none of the military companies were to attend. The local boys have not gotten over the fact that they were not paid for their time when they were called to Wilmington some months ago.

### NORTH CAROLINA BRIEFS.

Progressive citizens, of Catawba county, in view of the legislative session, have begun discussion of a large bond issue for good roads and modern bridges throughout the county. As much as \$400,000 and \$500,000 is urged.

The Charlotte Observer has moved into its new quarters on South Church street, Charlotte, following a disastrous fire a few weeks ago.

At the Soldiers' Home in Raleigh, Dr. W. T. Paul, aged 69 years, took his own life by shooting himself through the heart. He had been in the home since March, coming from Pitt county. He served with Company E, Fifth Battalion of Reserves in the Civil War.

That Burke is setting the pace in the reconstruction of the flooded district is shown by the fact that another new steel bridge for the Catawba is at Morganton and the pillars have been ready to receive it for some time.

During 1916 there were 831 marriage licenses issued in Mecklenburg county.

The reports of the Morganton post-office for the year shows an increase of \$970 over last year, bringing the total up to \$11,580 for 1916, making Morganton sure of city delivery as soon as the requirements of proper street numbering and receptacles are complied with.

Oakboro is soon to have a new two-story brick school building.

Three new coast cutters, one to be stationed at Beaufort, N. C., one at Detroit and the other at Honolulu, costing together \$1,350,000, are proposed in a bill favorably reported to the senate by the commerce committee.

More than 100 farmers met at Lenoir and organized a farm loan association.

Farmville, in Pitt county, on the Norfolk Southern Railroad, a few miles east of Wilson, is destined to be one of the big tobacco marts of eastern Carolina.

Greensboro's new \$500,000 hotel will be named "The O. Henry."

Durham's death rate decreased approximately 12.48 per 1000 during 1916.

Cleveland county officials have appropriated \$400.00 to carry on the canning club work in the county.

# DESIGNERS HAVE DONE WELL IN LINE OF PARTY FROCKS

Pretty Things in Profusion Have Been Provided for the Debutante This Season—Fashion's Edict Is That Bags Must Match the Millinery—Three Examples of the Best.



Party Frock for the Debutante.

The feet of the new adventurer in social pleasures trend a path made more or less rocky according to the success of her party frocks. The pretty maid in the accompanying picture is suitably clothed, for her gown is just demure enough to suggest youth and just sparkling enough to express joy, and in every particular it fulfills its mission. It goes without saying that the mission of this, as of all other gowns, is first of all, to be becoming.

This frock is made of satin with an underskirt of net and lace and a bodice developed in the same materials. Silver threads gleam in the lace, and a narrow line of spangles edges the bottom of the overskirt and pointed bodice. Narrow silver braid outlines gay little baskets and bowknots, which it joins by weaving lines all about the overskirt of satin, and this note of silver is repeated in the slippers.

The underskirt of net is finished with

two founces of silver-run lace about the bottom. The wide scallops at the bottom of the overskirt reach only a little below the top of these founces, and are defined by spangles. Except for a small pannier drapery at each side the overskirt hangs in straight lines from the waist. For a short figure this drapery would better be dispensed with.

An underbodice of net is gathered by two rows of shirring into a round neck and has elbow sleeves finished with silver-run lace. The satin overbodice is merely a length of the material drawn about the figure and trimmed in a point at the front. Two rows of spangles define its lower edge.

About the top of the satin bodice and over the right shoulder there is a light drapery of tulle. Over the left shoulder a suspender of narrow velvet ribbon-proves that it is the unexpected that happens in gowns as in other feminine affairs.



Bags Must Match Millinery.

In whatever direction your face be turned, whether to the skating fields or toward the land where the palms grow, or midway between, fashion decrees that you shall carry bags to match your millinery. And if you stay at home, not one but several bags will be required to see you through the everyday affairs of life in the approved way. There is a bag for everything, and bags within bags, and no telling just what they all contain. Each one has a reason for its existence besides the all-important one of complying with the mode.

Three aspirants for the favor of discriminating women are shown in the picture. At the left a bag of velvet and fur is part of a smart skating set, with a cap of the same materials and a short fur neckpiece. In this bag velvet is gathered on to a wide band of fur to form the top, and it is drawn up by narrow satin ribbon which forms loops for carrying it.

At the left a bag made of plush is shaped so that the handle slips over the wrist. The opening is closed by a narrow band of the plush which slips up or down as required. An ornament

in colored beads, is embroidered on it exactly like the ornament on the hat, which has a crown and brim edge of plush.

In the center of the group a Palm Beach set is shown for those who turn their backs upon the lee and snow to bask in a Southern sun and wear marvelous sports clothes. The soft hat and bag are made of blue and gold felle silk, sewed with blue and gold yarn and finished with yarn tassels. These tassels are fastened to the hat and bag with snap fasteners. Why? Because the hat and bag are reversible and may be worn with the blue side out or the gold side out. Whichever way, the blue and gold tassels make them complete.

Julie Bottonsky

Violets on the Sleeve.

The other day two society buds at the Biltmore in New York had small bunches of violets pinned to their sleeve cuffs, where they were quite attractive.

# AFTER 14 YEARS OF SUFFERING

This Lady Tried Cardui. Let Her Tell You in The Following Statement The Results She Obtained.

Wise, Va.—Mrs. J. M. Elam, of this place, in writing of her female troubles, says: "This trouble went on for 14 years, often I was unable to work and suffered badly at . . . times, when I could not be on my feet at all. Really I had health all the time during those 14 years, and was never without pain, with awful backaching, had no appetite, was nervous, but at that time my husband's sister . . . recommended that I try Cardui, which I began to take . . . and which has caused me to be in better health ever since. In a few days I felt that improvement had begun. My back got stronger and less painful. I got less nervous and my appetite began to improve. In a few weeks my improvement was noticeable, and I got into better health than I had had for 14 years. . . My walking before had been very painful, and could not stand on my feet to do any good. After using these medicines, however, I could walk without pain and was able to do the work and housekeeping for an ordinary family. My back and appetite were better and also my nerves."

If you suffer as Mrs. Elam did, take Cardui. It may be just what you need.—Adv.

### Effect of Privilege.

Senator Sutherland of Utah was talking about certain "privileged" persons.

"I'm a foe to all 'privilege,'" he said. "Privilege means trouble. It's like the steamboat captain who had the bar privilege."

"This captain, to whom all the profits went, shouted through his telephone to the engineer:

"For heaven's sake, Mike, slow her down. We got 'em drinkin' fine."

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### Oaks Impoverish Soil.

As an Italian investigator has given considerable time to the investigation of the reason for the failure of olive in the presence of oaks, and he has concluded that it is due to the impoverishment of the soil by the oak (than by transmission of any specific infection).

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