

GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS NEARING ITS END

MANY IMPORTANT MEASURES ARE BEING CROWDED INTO THE REMAINING DAYS.

UNDER THE CAPITAL DOME

Interesting Review of the Doings of the General Assembly During the Past Week.—Many Important Bills Are Introduced in Both Houses.

Raleigh.

Contending delegations of a hundred or more citizens each were here before the joint committee on counties, cities and towns, fighting for and against the bill to create Jarvis county out of portions of Johnston, Sampson and Harnett. The hearing was a long and stormy one, the result being an unfavorable report 13 to 7. J. C. Clifford and E. F. Young, of Dunn, the proposed county seat, headed the Jarvis county delegation. Charles Ross, Col. D. H. McLean, J. A. Oates, James H. Pou, and others were the speakers against the new county.

The joint committee investigating the State Prison Farm management recessed to Wednesday, with the expectation of concluding hearings at that time. Most witnesses at the last session were by the prison management establishing high character of officers at the farm stockade, who have been impeached by the ex-convict and other testimony. G. P. Burgwyn, prominent merchant and farmer near the state farm and J. W. Shaw, rural mail carrier for the state farm route, were especially notable witnesses giving highest commendation.

The house cleared from the calendar a large number of local bills. The Ellis-Gardner bill, empowering any township in the state to vote bonds or stock for railroads, was a notable statewide bill passed. The senate bill, by Brenizer to regulate sanitation, bed rooms and other equipment of hotels elicited long argument and numbers of representatives wanted to exempt their counties with the result that the bill was re-referred to committee.

The House made great progress in the consideration of the revenue bill, the work being done in committee of the whole with Representative Brummit, of Granville, in the chair.

The greater part of a session in the Senate was devoted to the bill of Senator Jones to take three townships of Madison county, including Mars Hill College, from that county and annex them to Beaufort. The bill was voted down 24 to 11.

The merchant of the state are especially interested in a bill just introduced in the House by Grier, of Iredell, to regulate the hours of employment of women and girls in mercantile establishments. It provides that no female or minors shall be employed in mercantile establishments, laundries, bakeries, hotels, places of amusement and the like more than nine hours per day, except that in cases of emergency hotels and restaurants may work them 10 hours in 24 by paying double for overtime. No female shall be permitted to work in any of the establishments named in the act before 6 a. m. or after 6 p. m. Violation on the part of an employer or superintendent is to be a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment.

The Senate passed a bill to enlarge the powers of electric development companies so that they can condemn orchards and dwellings, heretofore exceeded, the purpose being to prevent some land owners from retarding development.

The Senate voted 25 to 18 for the passage of the Person bill to allow Franklin county to elect its board of education and then brought back the Burgwin bill giving the same privilege to Bertie and passed that, sending both to the House.

Senator Allen withdrew the motion he made for the recall of the Brenizer bill for inspection and regulation of sanitation in hotels from the House, where it had been sent after passage by the Senate.

The salary of the Commissioner of Prohibition is to be \$3,500 and must come from revenue derived from the stamp tax on liquors delivered in the state. Only this revenue can be applied. Promoters of the bill estimate that about \$10,000 will be raised through this tax.

Senate bills passed were: Promote education in Wayne; amend law as to Transylvania records court; permit fiduciaries to invest in state bonds; amend law as to collecting taxes in Robeson; Australian ballot for Brunswick county.

The House took up the Roberts suffrage bill for Asheville and West Asheville and a roll call vote was 43 for and 53 against. Then three members changed positions before the result was announced but the result was not changed. Wright, of Guilford, declined to vote.

Long argument developed strong opposition to the Senate bill by Warren to have 24 judicial districts and judges with provision for automatic service as emergency judges. Doughton procured postponement of the vote in hope of reaching an agreement as to changes really needed.

Representative Ellis Gardner introduced a bill in the House to extend the franchise to the women of the state through a remarkable process, if the women so petition in required numbers. He would have a special box at the next general election in which women of reputable character can deposit their votes for suffrage and if as many as 50,000 women so vote in the state, the State Board of Elections shall then proceed to order an election on an amendment to the Constitution giving women the franchise.

There was introduced in the House of Representatives the bills to create the office of Commissioner of Prohibition and a formal "ouster law," which is being sought by the Anti-Saloon League forces since the death of their "bone dry" bill two weeks ago. The bill for creation of the Commissioner of Prohibition was offered by Representative Page and that containing the "ouster law" by Representative Grier. They went to the committee on liquor traffic. The Page bill provides that the office of Commissioner of Prohibition shall be self-sustaining through a special stamp tax imposed on liquors shipped into the state under the "quart law," the stamp to be 10 cents per quart.

The Senate passed the Brenizer bill to create a commission consisting of the Governor and two others to be named by him to engage accountants and devise a system of book-keeping for the state departments and institutions. Mr. Brenizer explained the bill, and Chairman Holderness, of the appropriations committee, told of the great need for a complete and coordinated system.

The House and Senate committee on insurance voted unfavorable report for the bill to provide for additional control of building and loan associations by the Insurance Department and for at least annual examinations by deputies of the department. The hearing was a lengthy one, which such men as Heriot Clarkson, H. N. Pharr, E. L. Keesler, of Charlotte; R. N. Nunn, of New Bern; Joseph W. Little, of Wilmington, and L. T. Hartsell, of Concord, appearing in opposition to the bill, contending that the Insurance Commissioner already has all the power necessary and additional taxation for increased supervision would be burdensome. Commissioner of Insurance Young spoke at length as to the necessity of the bill and of the results obtained from the limited system of examinations he has maintained the last two years. It was stated that the House committee would prepare a substitute bill for this one unfavorably reported.

Speaker Murphy laid before the House the bill by Clark, of Pitt, providing that the state may issue \$400,000 road bonds annually for counties that vote for road bonds, the state bonds to carry 4 per cent and the county subsidiary bonds 5 per cent that will liquidate the bonds in the course of 41 years. The bill passed with only one dissenting vote, that by Lloyd, Republican, of Orange county.

The House and Senate received the message from Governor Bickett asking speedy action in the passage of the bill for exempting notes and mortgages to the amount of \$3,000 to an individual when given for the purchase of farm homes.

The Griggin state-wide stock law bill came from committee with unfavorable report as to state application, but favorable as to application to Chowan county. The bill for a state-wide dog tax came in with favorable report after minor amendments in committee.

The Senate committee on elections gave a hearing on the bill of Senator Jones for a statewide Australian ballot system. Senator Jones and Editor James H. Caine, of the Asheville Citizen, being among the principal speakers for the bill. They asked for the measure to apply to Beaufort county and the tenth congressional district if there was not a majority of the committee favoring its statewide application. They insisted that the measure is badly needed in their section and are ardent advocates of its statewide application.

After hearing the committee, Senator Oates, chairman, was unanimous for Beaufort to have it and also favorable with lesser majorities to its application to Madison county and the tenth district.

The bill by Representative McRary to provide proper care for cemeteries came up and was put to a vote without discussion. There was a predominance of noes, but McRary got busy called for a roll call vote and explained the bill as looking out especially for the country cemeteries and providing that each shall have the small sum of \$15 annually from the county funds. He told the House that the difference in the Chinese and the North Carolinians was that the "Chinese worship their ancestors" and "we forget ours." The bill passed 45 to 19 on second reading and went through unanimously after the minority leader had explained its provisions.

The Senate passed the Pearson bill to allow 60 instead of 30 days during which marriage licenses may be returned. The bill makes changes in the form of license and was defeated some days ago and then reconsidered on motion of Senator Nelson.

The House received the revenue bill and passed the bill by Clark, of Pitt, for the state to issue semi-annually \$400,000 bonds for counties that vote subsidiary bonds for road improvement, the difference in the five per cent county and four per cent state bonds to liquidate the principal and interest in 41 year.

TO MEET IN ASHEVILLE

State Baraca-Philathea Convention Meets May 17-20.—Interesting Program is Being Prepared.

Greensboro.—The seventh annual convention of the North Carolina Baraca and Philathea organizations will be held in Asheville, N. C., May 17-20, 1917. A very strong program is being arranged and an unusually large delegation from the classes over the state is expected. This is the first time the state convention has ever been scheduled for Asheville, and the many attractions that the "Land of the Sky" affords will draw many people who probably would not otherwise attend. While the program has not been completed yet, it is known that some very able speakers and workers will appear. Miss Henrietta Heron of Elgin, Ill., first vice-president of the World Wide Baraca-Philathea Union, is expected to be on the program again this year. Miss Heron is one of the leaders in Sunday school work in our country. The very efficient services that she has rendered in connection with former conventions in this state have won for her an enviable place among the Baracas and Philatheas of North Carolina, and the hundreds of friends that she has made will learn with joy that she is to be on hand again. It is also known that Dr. J. Forest Pretty chaplain of the United States Senate, will appear on the program. Dr. Prettyman is one of the great preachers of the country and the associations feel that they are fortunate in having been able to book him for this convention. Other prominent religious workers will be secured to take part, some of whom will be a part of the force of the state Sunday school secretaries of the various denominations. Dr. Sylvester A. Newlin of High Point has been secured to preach the convention sermon.

Approximately sixty thousand people are enrolled in Baraca and Philathea classes in North Carolina in the more than two thousand classes that are on record. It is conservatively estimated that four out of five of the young men and women in Sunday school in North Carolina today were won by Baraca and Philathea classes. In many cases the young men and women far outnumber the children. Such a condition would have been very unusual a few years ago. The classes support liberally all objects fostered by the church and in many instances have assumed the responsibility of supporting an orphan in the denominational orphanage or a missionary on the foreign field. It is gratifying to know that North Carolina has a larger number of these classes than any other state and that the movement is growing stronger and bigger all the while.

Fire at Methodist Orphanage.

Raleigh.—While fire raged on the first floor, 47 boys of the Methodist Orphanage marched out of the Little Boys' building of the orphanage and later from another dormitory, watched flames destroy all their personal effects and the building, entailing a loss between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

All the boys with an exception of about ten were sleeping on the second floor of the building when smoke and flames aroused them from their slumber. Maintaining perfect order, the boys and their matron, Mrs. Thomas, marched out of the burning building into the main dormitory to safety. Not one was hurt.

The fire originated in the ladies sitting room on the first floor and about half this room was burned before the flames were discovered. Fire trucks responded to a 'phone alarm and by hard work prevented the flames from spreading to other nearby buildings. The fire was placed under control half an hour after the firemen arrived, but it required longer time to finally conquer the conflagration on account of fire going inside walls and partitions.

The building was the first ever constructed at the orphanage and for a time was the only building there. It was a two-story brick structure. Rebuilding will start at once. The trustees of the orphanage met at once and passed resolutions authorizing the executive committee to erect another building to take the place of the one burned. In the meantime the boys are making their headquarters in the sewing room over the laundry.

NORTH CAROLINA BRIEFS.

The steel bridge over the Catawba near Morganton, connecting Morganton with Lenoir, was completed and opened for travel.

The small grain crops from most parts of the state are reported damaged by the weather.

While working in a field near Mount Ulla, the 13-year-old son of Pink Goodman, was struck by a falling tree and instantly killed.

Machinery has been ordered for the new cotton mill at Gastonia.

There is an inkling that another cotton mill will be organized within the next 48 hours, by men among the most prominent in Gastonia.

Anson county school teachers are arranging for a big county commencement to be held at Wadesboro, March 29-30.

A movement has been started in Durham to lower the coal in this state.

Through a commutation granted by Governor Bickett to 25 years imprisonment, Frank Foster, of Polk county, did not pay the death penalty Friday for first degree murder as he was scheduled to do.

Fads And Fancies Of Fashion



Pretty Frocks for Evening Wear.

Nearly all girls look their best in the silky and filmy frocks they wear for evening, and of course they are likely to know this. Therefore, every once in a while the up-to-date young person is apt to insist on a new party frock, and to keep matters stirring until she gets it. But she is not exacting as to material, as a rule. Pretty colors and smart style in the making are the things that captivate her.

Isn't a bad idea to encourage the acquirement of a new evening or afternoon frock, especially as an incentive to the average girl who needs to learn to sew. Some mothers agree to furnish all the materials which their daughters will make up for themselves—furnishing one garment at a time. This is wise management on the part of the mother, who wishes to train her girls in planning and shopping and sewing, for their own future good.

A pretty evening dress which does not look too difficult to copy is shown in the accompanying picture. It has a plain taffeta underskirt and a net overdress, a low-necked underbodice with net overbodice and short sleeves of net. Patterns of similar designs are furnished by all the standard pattern companies. The net bodice is square in the neck and the overdress is flounced over the hips. A bit of silver lace finishes the bottom of the overskirt at the back and front.

Among the new designs for evening dresses there is a captivating one made of wide soft satin ribbon and white net. The skirt is flounced with alternating ruffles of the ribbon and groups of narrow frills of the net. The short sleeves are of net frills and there is a net surplice with a bit of the satin ribbon at the front and back.



Three Classes of Hats.

Three hats belonging to three classes of millinery invite you to familiarize yourself with their distinct characteristics. Otherwise, when you go out to buy you are liable to make a mistake, unless you intend to invest in an assortment of millinery. Some enterprising and smart shops now place a small tag in each hat for the enlightenment of bewildered customers. This little tag bears a legend which places the hat in the right class. These little tags say with finality: "This hat is for sports wear," or "This hat is for traveling," or "This hat is for afternoon wear" and "This hat is for morning," etc., etc. At this rate we may expect a hat for high noon; we already have them for the "wee sma' hours."

In the group shown here the hat at the left is for sports wear. It is of oyster-white silk in a heavy crepe weave, with gayly colored disks to give it the right vivacity. The facing is of white millinery braid, and a single long and handsome quill appears to have lit on the brim. In millinery, as in other sports clothes, there is no limit to the courage of color.

For street wear or traveling or morning wear, the small turban of black satin and straw braid demonstrates that a hat may scorn color of any kind and yet achieve the pinnacle of smartness. This shape is a miracle of beauty and it is finished in the most possible way with a satin-lined spring quill in black, fastened by a trap of satin with satin-covered buttons at the ends.

The dressy hat at the right is all in turquoise satin-covering, leaves, apples and collar. Anytime afternoon it may be worn, with the assurance that nothing prettier is going to be met with, because it is a good millinery.

On the South side of the state many a smart motor coach has been seen—worn temporarily as a traveling wrap, or carried over the shoulder by a maid or footman and disposed of in the drawing-room compartment of the hand luggage. It is surprising to show many of these coats are made of a material with glossy, waxy surface and inner surface of silk or satin—sometimes of cloth. And the colors are wonderful. The fine coats with borders of fur are especially in favor, and since this material is warm, as well as light, and sheds water as successfully as any actual leather coat fabric, it is much in demand for motor wraps. One of the handsomest pontine coats of the season falls in ripples below a graceful crossed sash-girdle and is edged at the foot with a broad band of beaver matching the beaver collar and deep cuffs.

Black Silk Jersey Kilts. Separate skirts of black silk jersey knife plaited are very popular for wear with sports blouses, especially if the blouses be of a brilliant hue.

A FRIEND'S ADVICE

Woman Saved From a Serious Surgical Operation.

Louisville, Ky.—"For four years I suffered from female troubles, headaches, and nervousness. I could not sleep, had no appetite and it hurt me to walk. If I tried to do any work, I would have to lie down before it was finished. The doctors said I would have to be operated on and I simply broke down. A friend advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and the result is I feel like a new woman. I am well and strong, do all my own house work and have an eight pound baby girl. I know Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound saved me from an operation which every woman dreads."—Mrs. NELLIE FISBACK, 1521 Christy Ave., Louisville, Ky.



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Tippling Habit Strong. A hotel proprietor in New York who sets out to kill off tippling has about as much chance of success as did old King Canute when he ordered the deep blue sea to chase itself away from his royal brogans. Hear Copeland Townsend's wail. He has announced that despite signs asking patrons not to tip hat boys the public persists in shunting dimes the brigands' way.

Some even got sore and wrote him sarcastic letters that they could tip if they pleased and intimated that it was none of his business, so there you are! Even waiters themselves have the tipping habit. At a recent dinner a hundred extra waiters were required and a room was given over where they could check their hats and coats.

Every one of these waiters gave a tip, despite the notice that it was not required. In London there is a hotel that has banned tipping successfully, but Americans want to tip and they'll do it, 'gosh!

A mounting of recent invention permits a single lens camera to take stereoscopic picture.

Oil fuel is used in some extent on fewer than 40 railroads in the United States.

There have been woman sailors among the Finns and Norwegians for many years.

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