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Real Luck.

At a club meeting recently a South side woman said to a friend: "Mrs. Whatyoumaycall is the luckiest woman I ever knew." "Somebody leave her a fortune?" the friend inquired. "No." "Then why do you consider her so lucky?" "The other day she accidentally knocked her percolator off the stove and bent the pedestal." "Well—"

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"Father," said the small boy, "what is a pacifist?" "A pacifist, my son, is a man who thinks that war is a rough form of outdoor sport that the police could stop if they wanted to."

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After taking ELIXIR BABEK. "My little daughter, 10 years old, suffered nearly a year with chills and fever, most of the time under the doctor's care. I was discouraged and a friend advised me to try ELIXIR BABEK. I gave it to her and she has never had a chill since. It completely cured her." Mrs. Ceras Heims, 302 E. St., N. E., Washington, D. C. Elixir Babek 50 cents, all druggists or by parcel post prepaid from Kloczewski & Co., Washington, D. C.

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Man is made of dust and he wants the rest of the earth.

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Royal Baking Powder makes it possible to produce appetizing and wholesome cakes, muffins, cornbread, etc., with fewer eggs than are usually required.

In many recipes the number of eggs may be reduced and excellent results obtained by using an additional quantity of Royal Baking Powder, about a teaspoon, for each egg omitted. The following tested recipe is a practical illustration:

SPONGE CAKE

- 1 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup water
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder
- 1 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 1 teaspoon flavoring

DIRECTIONS—Beat sugar and water until syrup spins a thread and add to the stiffly beaten whites of eggs, beating until the mixture is cold. Sift together three times the flour, salt and baking powder; beat yolks of eggs until thick; add a little at a time flour mixture and egg yolks alternately to white of egg mixture, stirring after each addition. Add 1/4 cup cold water and flavoring. Mix lightly and bake in moderate oven one hour.

The old method called for six eggs and no baking powder

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1917 ADJOURNS

SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT CAME AFTER SIXTY-FOUR DAYS' SESSION.

LAWMAKERS RUSH FOR HOME

Both Houses "Mark Time" During Last Day Waiting For Enrolled Bills.—Much Important Legislation is Passed.

Raleigh.

It was on the stroke of 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon that the gavel of President Max Gardner in the Senate, and Speaker Walter Murphy in the House, sounded the sine die adjournment of the North Carolina General Assembly for 1917, and the presiding officers made their formal declarations of adjournment.

The morning trains had carried the great majority of the members of the two houses to their homes and there was little more than the traditional "corporal's guard" present for the final closing ceremonies. No legislation of consequence had been allowed to get through during the last morning, as the Senate and House patiently waited for the enrolled bills as they were brought in from time to time to be ratified.

The General Assembly enacted the following laws in line with the recommendations in the inaugural address of Governor Bickett:

1. The act resubmitting a constitutional amendment calling for a six months instead of a four months public school. The act follows the declaration in the Governor's inaugural address that "The children are entitled to have the voter cast a single ballot whether he is or is not in favor of a larger opportunity for the child."
2. The act submitting a constitutional amendment exempting from taxation notes and mortgages given in good faith for the purchase price of a home. The purpose of this act is to bring the money in reach of every homesteader.
3. The crop lien act designed to give the small farmer a chance to "break out of jail."
4. The act providing for the teaching of the basic principles of good farming in every rural public school. The machinery of this act is well adapted to serve its purpose.
5. The act to incorporate the installation of running water, electric lights and telephones in country homes and communities by furnishing expert advice and assistance free of cost.
6. The act to make the school house the social center, and to provide for wholesome entertainment in country school houses that will be both instructive and relaxing.
7. The act providing for the medical inspection of all children who attend the public schools in order that physical defects may be discovered and corrected if possible in their incipency.
8. The act providing for the incorporation of rural communities to the end that thickly settled communities in the country may take such steps for their own betterment as they may deem wise and proper.
9. The act forbidding the sale or advertisement for sale of medicines purporting to cure incurable diseases, and forbidding the sale of any mechanical device for the treatment of disease when the State Board of Health may declare such device to be without curative value.
10. The act providing for the improvement of highways by expenditure of the automobile tax for this purpose under the direction of the State Highway Commission.
11. The act that permits and regulates absentee voting.
12. The appointment of a state tax commission to investigate and report a comprehensive system of taxation to the next General Assembly.
13. The act consolidating the management of the three hospitals for the insane and establishing a purchasing agency for certain state institutions.
14. The act limiting the time for which a convict may be sent to a chain gang to five years. The recommendation of the Governor was for two years, but owing to the inadequacy of quarters at the state prison the time was made five years for the present.
15. The act authorizing the construction of modern sanitary quarters for the convicts on the state farm.
16. The Turner bill is in entire harmony with the recommendations of the Governor, who says in his inaugural address: "I am convinced that the only justification for the punishment of crime is the protection of the public and the reformation of the criminal. Anything that savors of vindictiveness is indefensible in the administration of the law. When the state sends a citizen to prison he ought to be made to feel that his punishment is a just measure imposed for the purpose of preventing himself and others from committing further crimes, and that pending his imprisonment the state desires to afford him every opportunity to become a good citizen."

The Legislature passed the bill appropriating \$25,000 for building purposes and \$7,500 annually for two years for the erection of an orthopedic hospital-school to be located two miles east of Gastonia. The appropriation is contingent upon the people of the state raising a similar amount for building purposes.

The bill was passed by the House by a unanimous vote, but five Senators opposed it in the upper body.

It is not believed that there will be any great difficulty in raising the money for the building of the school. Gaston county has already pledged \$10,000, leaving but an equal amount for the other 99 counties to raise. The Rotary Club of Charlotte has indicated that it will attempt to raise \$5,000.

This is the only institution of the kind in the south, being an hospital where crippled children are taken and given free treatment at the hands of the most skilled surgeons in the state.

The report of the legislative committee to investigate the conditions and management of the State Farm convict camps went into both branches of the Legislature with the full membership of five signing a lengthy review of the investigation that finds the system antiquated and the conditions bad, especially as to facilities for caring for the convicts and with the majority of the committee signing a further report reading as follows:

This Clause Signed by Three.

"The committee further finds that the superintendents and others in authority over the convicts have not acted in any wise inhumanly, but on the contrary have been lenient and considerate and humane and diligent in the performance and the discharge of their duties and obligations placed upon them by the present system." This clause is signed by Senator Burgwyn and Representatives W. H. Joyner and J. H. Darden. These members of the committee and the other two, Senator Turner and Representative Beasley signed the full report, which is a document of 13 typewritten pages.

The document sets out the thoroughness of the investigation and finds that the housing and equipment at the farm are entirely inadequate. The sleeping quarters, especially for the negroes, far too small and poorly ventilated and the bedding bad. No separation of youthful and hardened criminals. The dining hall is poorly heated in cold weather and white and colored prisoners eat in the same hall with an alleyway between them. All prisoners have to wash from the same spigots, the whites and blacks crowding each other indiscriminately at the trough.

The report gives the food served and method of service and inattention to bathing, are reviewed and failure to supply towels for the use of the convicts until recently. There is no recreation provided for the convicts beyond their daily work. The quarters for the women are inadequate and lacking in necessary privacy and no woman in charge of the department and evils resulting therefrom are reviewed. No reading matter supplied by the state and no chaplain engaged, although there is a law authorizing such an official, as among the facts brought out.

The practice of whipping in connection with the discipline is reviewed and the methods described and abuses in this respect are given.

The committee finds that little or no effort has been made for moral and mental improvement of the prisoners, the largest possible results and profits from their labors being the paramount object and that youthful prisoners are often injured by their associations in the prison life. Of all the whippings administered the past few years, of which there have been hundreds, none have met with the disapproval of the authorities so far as the records show.

The Whitney or Baron camps is found to be a dangerous and hazardous place with poor equipment for the care of the men. Convicts return from their service there "broken." The committee says:

"In the judgment of the committee the conditions at the camps are more due to the system than to the officials in charge. The system has been handed down by administrations for 50 years and no effort on the part of the prison officials or of the state authorities to make advancement in this respect."

The committee finds that there has been lacking any regard for the reformation of the prisoner and his return to society a better and more trustworthy man. The larger percentage of the prisoners, the committee finds to be young negro men from 16 to 20-year old, who might be treated in such manner as to improve them and make them dependable and useful after their discharge.

In conclusion, the report makes recommendations that have been largely adopted in the special act changing the prison system, that the Legislature has put through the legislative mill the past few days.

The bill from the House to make blockading in North Carolina a felony was passed by the Senate by a large majority. Other bills passed in the following order: Authorize county commissioners to co-operate with public libraries; validate certain registrations; reprint certain Supreme Court reports; relative to publications of reports of state departments and institutions; make legitimate bastards after their fathers and mothers marry; amend law as to co-operative work by the A. & E. College and State Department of Agriculture; repeal act creating the Kinston records court.

The founders of our republic painfully learned and plainly saw that only by a free press and free speech could we have a free republic.

If public opinion be welded in a wrong direction through the newspapers, the church cannot make saints as fast as vice and ignorance can make sinners. So we no longer look on the newspaper, the bank, the business house, as private institutions, but as builders of the national ideals, makers of civilization.

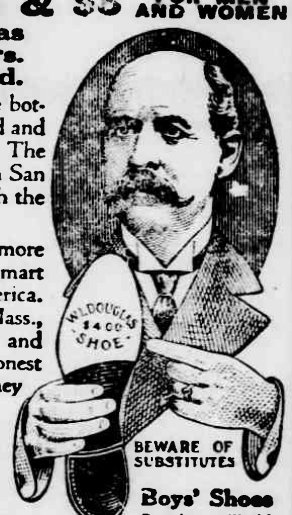
There are three instruments that mold public opinion—the church, the school and the newspaper, and the greatest of these is the newspaper. The church reaches its handful of people twice a week; the school reaches its larger group five times a week, but the newspaper reaches its thousands daily. Less than one-fourth of the people go to church, less than one-fourth graduate from the common schools, and only 2 per cent graduate from college; but thousands find their church, their college and their culture through the newspapers, for 99 per cent read the newspapers, periodicals and magazines, and more so here than any other country on earth.

In the days when I was a boy the newspaper was the expression of the editorial opinion of one man, as instance Horace Greeley and James Gordon Bennett. But now the editor is a supervisor, and the skilled reporter is read more than the writer of editorials.

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"Ever read Aesop's fables?"
"Yes," replied Mr. Growcher. "And I don't see what they were written for."
"Why, to point a moral."
"But I don't see how a man who told such whoppers as he did could claim to have anything moral about him."

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Get a 25 cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any store, and after the first application your hair will take on that life, luster and luxuriance which is so beautiful. It will become wavy and fluffy and have the appearance of abundance; an incomparable gloss and softness, but what will please you most will be after just a few weeks' use, when you will actually see a lot of fine, downy hair—new hair—growing all over the scalp. Adv.

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She Knew Him.

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GALLSTONES

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