## NEWS FROM

 THE CAPTALRaleigh, March 3, 1919.-The General Assembly is due to adjourn next
Saturday night. It will have been in session sixty days at that time and the members must serve without comwill probaly be Monday or Tuesday be fore all the bills can be enrolled and ratifed and a quoram is a likely pro bablyity until the 11th. After tha respite from the Servous will have and anxiety usually created by a ody of men, inexperienced to a large degree in public affairs, seeking to save the State without any well developed plans as to haw it should be
done. But the agony will soon be a hing of the past.
The Henderson county road bill, in troduced by Representative Jackson in e House, passed final reading in
the ofnate on Friday and is now law. This bill encountered stubborn opposition in the Senate which delayed its progress for more than a week.
Petitions and counter petitions came from the home folks and Senator loud was overwhelmed with letter and telegrams from both sides to the controversy. Finally an agreement was reached and the bill" went on it
way rejoicing." Proponents of the easure consented to the appoint ment of two democrats on the road
commission proposed in the new bill and presented telegrams from two issioners pledging themselves that course. An understanding was
also reached to the effect that the emocratic members of the commis sion are to be recommended to the mass-meeting of democrats. The third member will be a repubican se-
lected by the county commissioners and the three members of the road commision are authorized to employ full time supervisior. The act pro des for a bond issue amounting to enance. Printed copies of the law ill be forwanded to the county con missioners soon after the adjourn-
ment of the General Assembly. Mr. S. Y. Bryson, who made a hot fight in opposition to the bill, was in
New York when the compromise was reached by which two democrats are o have membership on the road commission. He reached Raleigh Thurs-
day on his return to Hendersonville nd looked in on the Legislature for several hours. While preferring ield gracefully to the decisions of friends to accept the solution outlined above. He rightly feels that the fight humiliation of a complete surrender humiliation of a complete surrender
of the road system of the coutny to the republican commisioners.. "We
cain more than we lose," is the way he figured it out in a message sent to a Hendersonville friend soon after
reaching this city on Thursday. He did suggest an amendment to the bill in the Senate providing for submitting the bond feature to a vote of the people, but advocates of the measure
objected and no effort was made to force the issue. relative to the road fight make interot Took well in print. The home state of genuine excitement. A tew took from four to six pages of typewritten matter in the effort to prove that they are real democrats. But is a democrat still.
The bill providing for the election of school boards by the people t: out North Carolina went through the Senate on its third and final reading with the House committee on educa tion. Little opposition to it develop have to wrestle with the probse wis week. The mcmbers realized that if the bill gets through it means a/ serious break in the educational s.stem of the State and radical change of in many of the counties, tha

[^0] he effect it may have upon the plan arefully worked out, of a sate-wide ublic schools of North Carolina. Va ancies in each county this year wil supplied by the present Genera be democrats in each instance retofore.
The Revenue Bill is through both branches and the Machinery Act ha
started on the way. started on the way. The educational bill providing six months school each for all the children in the sate wen Board of Health's sanitary measures cheme was approved new taxation sheme was approved last week; th tution ratified and an equitable basis rreed re-assessment of property arrying relief for all charitable ducational institutions is practicall omplete and the State highway mea sure will receive the finshing touche reek, unless all signs fail. The jointommittee on public roads has been almost continuous session for days
onsidering the numerous bill proposand a hnal conclusion ubstitute to the Scales-Stevens bill oes not please some leading member of the House, who appear to be fight
ing for notoriety, and this has re sulted in the introduction of a mult tude of new schemes which had to be onsidered and passed upon. The fail ure of the House to accept the Senate he prospect of road legislation. eans further argument in the Senate and ultimate adjustment by a conThe latest proposition is for the State o raise half the amount necessary to match Federal aid by the automobile hail be needed to make up the quired sum in the cooperative basis oad construction. Under this plan raising the other half by the issue of onds and short-term notes. Opinwidely all the while, but an amicable djustment is in prospect. threw the fat in the fire som hibiting the ombe, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson five years. Representatives from the ounties effected were not consulte being ignored. An effort to arres before the House committee on game of which Representative Lyday is a favorable feport an amendment to slvania from the provislioor of the House ofered on the cented and Mr that Henderson be exproposes to take a similars course. oners of Transylvania to issue $\$ \mathbf{5 0}$, in bonds for the pureose of paycounty and making needed improvements in the Registrar's office has een enrolled and ratificd. Also, the bill amending the law relative to pub-


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    | that has marked a steady advance- | session. The amendment law impos- | that has marked a steady advance-

    ment in our educational progress. It
    es a fine of ten to twenty dollars for is said that a bill will be proposed by first offense; not less than twenty o more than thirty dollars for the se-
    cond conviction. Another bill introcond conviction. Another bill intro-
    duced by Mr. Lyday allows the clerk duced by Mr. Lyday allows the cler of the county recorder's court to re ceive compensation equivalent to th fees provided in similar actions in th Superior Court. Still another act pro-
    posed by Representative Lyday would posed by Representative Lyday would authorize the commissioners of his
    county to allow the clerk of the Super ior Court $\$ 200$ per annum for cledica assistance, to be paid out of the pub funds.
    Representative Jackson's salary bil through the Senate and the count officials of Henderson will share th benefits from the date of ratification

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