

NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITAL

(By M. L. Shipman)

Raleigh, January 28.—The outstanding feature of last week in legislative circles was the message of Governor McLean to a joint session of the Assembly on Wednesday in the Hall of the House. The address was a comprehensive survey of the State's business, accompanied with important and valuable recommendations looking to the application of needed remedies to meet the urgent needs of the hour. The Governor would not retard the progress of the Commonwealth in any sense, but he wants to proceed on a "safe and sane" basis. Enlargement of public institutions to an extent that will enable them to keep pace with the State's steady and solid development, meets the Governor's approval, yet he would have all garments "cut to fit the cloth."

The Governor's suggestions were received with the closest attention by the leaders and a crowd which packed the lobbies and galleries of the hall. The need for an economical administration was one of the points in the message which received the "glad hand." The speaker wanted the financial condition of the State disclosed in its entirety and will be satisfied with nothing else. The Governor covered a number of subjects in his address, viz: training in Agriculture, Health, Economy in Administration, the Budget System, Reform in judicial procedure, Freight Rates, Development of Water Transportation, Highways, Treatment of the Afflicted, the Pardoning Power, Blue Sky Law, Conservation and Development of our Natural Resources, Industrial, Coastal Plains, Treatment of Labor, Workmen's compensation, Treatment of Prisoners, The State's prison, Commercial Traffic on the highways, Fish and Oysters, etc.

The question of deficit or no deficit, has passed the debatable stage. It is here, and the size is yet to be determined. The most authentic information available fixes the amount as of June 30, 1924, at \$6,600,000. The Budget Commission estimates that a surplus of millions more may as well be added to the shortage reported by the auditor. Governor McLean insists that "all the cards be laid on the table," so that the General Assembly and the public may know "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." It is the Governor's purpose to get the State's expenditures back in line with its deficient revenues, and members of the General Assembly appear to be in accord with the views of the Executive.

The proposed 35-million bond bill for the further extension of the State's highway system was trotted out for the inspection of both houses on Thursday. It was introduced in the House by Representative Bowie, of Ashe; in the Senate by Senator Heath, of Union. It will not take the course of the Port terminal measure which the voters of the State rejected in November. The Legislature is either to accept or reject it. If it passes, the gasoline tax will be increased to four cents a gallon, and short term notes issued to take care of expenditures for road purposes until the bonds are issued and sold. It will likely "pass muster" for good roads are the subject of heated and polite conversation with most everybody in the State these days. So long as those who use the public highways most are willing to pay for the privilege will the State risk its credit in further extending the system.

The request of Governor McLean for a Pardon Commissioner is to be seriously considered. Representative Wamble, of Forsyth, has offered a bill which would authorize the appointment of an official to assist the Governor in the pardoning process.

He would be paid a salary of \$4,000 a year, and allowed to employ a stenographer at a salary not exceeding \$150 a month. The Commissioner would be under the immediate direction of the Governor, the final arbiter in all pardon cases. It is the purpose of Governor McLean to devote his entire time to weightier matters of the State, instead of wearing himself out in the consideration of petty affairs. It is not the mind of the Governor to shirk any duty, but to discharge every obligation to the best of his ability. A capable man as Commissioner of Pardons, who could prepare all cases in a proper way, would relieve the Executive of no little worry and detail.

The General Assembly "took a day off" and visited the State University in body on Friday to witness the formal dedication of the new law building. Owing to the pressing official duties of Governor McLean could not attend and Lieutenant-Governor J. Elmer Long presented Manning Hall to that institution, while the acceptance speech was made by Mr. Josephus Daniels on behalf of the board of trustees. Members of the General Assembly occupied seats on the speakers' platform. Special seats were provided for the wives of the legislators and other invited guests who were also handed tickets to the luncheon at New Carolina Inn, following the exercises. State officials, members of the Supreme Court and distinguished personages from around the occasion with their presence. Developments at the University were given "the once over" by many members of the Legislature during their visit to the Hill and first hand information may be helpful to some when the appropriation bill comes up for consideration later on.

Both branches of the Assembly were in action again on Friday evening, but neither had a "full house." The 3rd week of the session has practically expired, with no bills recalled except a few of routine character. The 4th started with prospects of accomplishments. Governor McLean has shown himself a man of action and makes plain his conviction that he is not one of those who is content with "making promises to the ear to be broken to the hope." He finds fault with the State's fiscal policy and wants the system changed. He stands for progress, but does not look with favor upon extravagance in any form. It is his conviction that the State is a big business institution and he believes that sound business methods and prudent business management should be applied in handling its fiscal affairs.

A number of Legislators were heavy losers in a disastrous fire which destroyed the Motor Service Storage building near the Sir Walter Hotel on Thursday morning. In which more than 200 automobiles and trucks were burned. Serving as a member of the General Assembly this winter will, to them be an expensive experiment. Few of them carried insurance on their cars. These will have to take total losses and make the best of the misfortune.

Several administration measures are "in the making" and will soon be ready for presentation. The Governor will insist upon the budget system of handling the affairs of all state departments, and revision in the judicial system. The claim of congested dockets has reached the ear of the Executive. Whether the Legislature is in accord with his views on this particular proposition to be ascertained. His Excellency plainly indicates the desire to evolve a plan for the expansion of the Geological and economical Survey, as outlined in his message to the General Assembly, rather than the creation of an additional department for the purpose of collecting and collating information touching the industrial progress of the State.

THE CORN AND HOG RATIO

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 28.—"It is essential," says W. W. Shay, swine extension specialist for the State College, "that the live stock farmer understand the meaning of some terms which are made use of by the government in giving out information in planning his operations for another year. On a fairly large farm, such knowledge may easily be worth several hundred dollars to him in one year."

"By the term Corn and Hog Ratio is meant the number of bushels of corn which at the average farm value would equal the average farm value of 100 pounds of live weight hog. If the average farm value of live hogs is \$10 per 100 pounds, and the average farm price of corn is 85¢ per bushel, the ratio, which is found by dividing the price of hogs by the price of corn, is 11.76."

"During the last four years the corn and hog ratio has fluctuated from as low as 7.1 bushels to as high as 16 bushels of corn. The average for the last fifteen years has been over 11 bushels."

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A Missouri editor asserts a danger is the only person who can achieve success by kicking. He is evidently not a football fan and never saw his team win by the margin of a goal after touchdown or a field goal, not to mention better punting.

TOXAWAY NEWS

Mr. Luther Owen, a resident of Jackson county, visited his daughter, Mrs. Berlin Owen, on last Wednesday.

Mr. C. J. Lee, of Spartanburg, has brought his well-digger to Toxaway, and has just completed a well for Mr. Hosea Lee.

Mrs. C. C. Jones of Saluda, spent several days of last week with her daughter, Miss Averee Jones, who has been very ill, but is improving nicely.

Mr. Vince Smith of Quebec, was a visitor in Toxaway Tuesday.

Miss Evelyn Jones was the guest of Miss Florence Gillespie Sunday.

Mr. Pose Owen has been on the sick list, but has gone to work again.

Mr. David Hicks and family, recently moved from Pickens to Toxaway. Mr. Hicks has accepted work with Moltz Lumber Co.

Mr. Cole Lee made a business trip to Brevard on last Friday.

Mr. Charlie Moore has moved from Cold Mountain to the house belonging to Mr. Bill Owen.

Mr. John Tinsley of Brevard, was a visitor in Toxaway recently.

Mrs. Hugh Beley and son, Frank, made a trip to Brevard last Friday.

Mr. J. T. Stillman and family, of Crossville, Tenn., have moved to Toxaway, where Mr. Stillman has accepted work.

Mrs. M. L. Marecum was ill for several days last week, but is improving.

On last Saturday night, Mrs. Booth Price entertained with a birthday party in honor of her daughter, Mary Jane. Numerous games were played, after which a delicious supper was served. All the young people present (SHRD) after 11 o'clock people present reported a pleasant evening.

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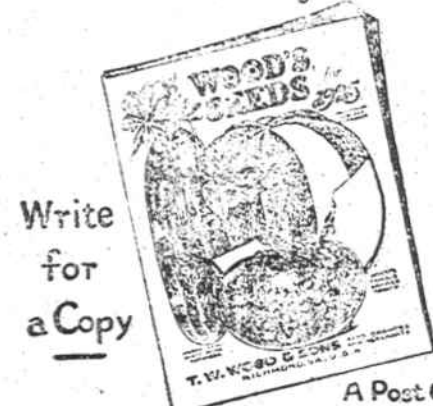
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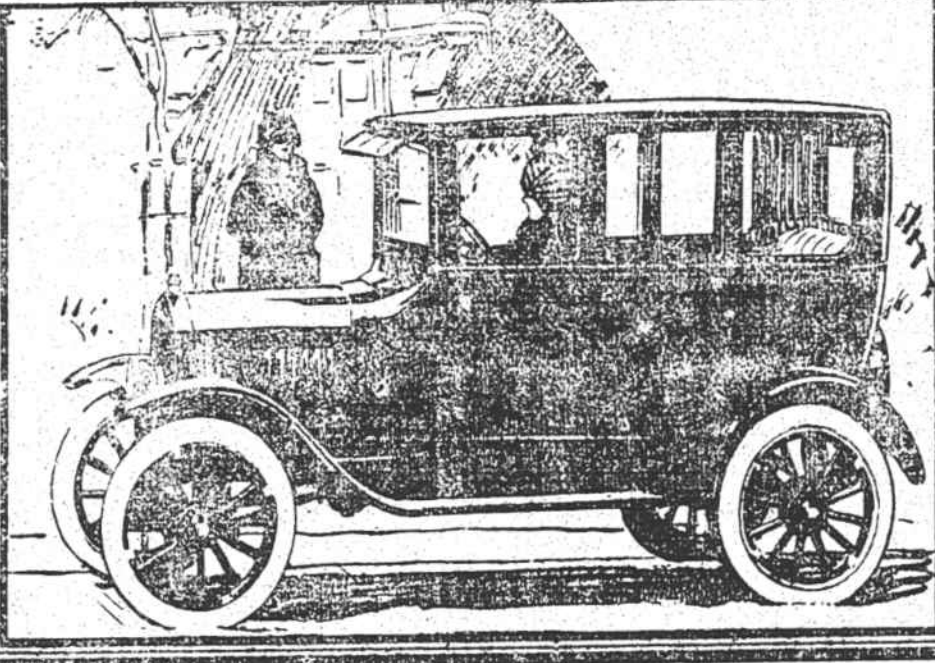
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