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MICHIGAN'S GOVERNOR REFUSED THE BONDS.

Wouldn't be Used to Involve Another State in Litigation—Governor Glenn's Fine Letter Upon the Subject.

Raleigh Cor. Charlotte Observer, 31st.

Governor Glenn is in receipt of letters from the Governor of Michigan to himself and to the committee of North Carolina bondholders in regard to the bond matter for proposed litigation against the State of North Carolina. The letter which Governor Warren sent to this committee is as follows: "I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 10. My reply to your communication has been delayed as I desired to secure some information from the Governor of North Carolina before accepting the offer made by your committee. From the report made to me by Governor Glenn, I am convinced that our acceptance of the bonds would serve no other purpose than involving the State in protracted litigation. That course would have to be taken if anything was realized from the bonds. After carefully considering the matter, I have decided to decline your offer. My refusal to do so is based upon my belief that the State would have nothing to gain by its acceptance of a gift that simply paves the way for a law suit. The State of Michigan does not care to be placed in a position where it can be said that it is being used to involve another State in litigation. For the reason given your offer is respectfully declined."

The letter from Governor Warren to Governor Glenn is as follows: "I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 20. I have carefully noted the contents of your letter, as well as the one you wrote to Governor Higgins under date of July 3rd, 1905. I herewith enclose copy of letter written to Louis M. Ogden, secretary of the committee of North Carolina bondholders, dated 24, 1906. My letter to Mr. Ogden states my position in this matter. I have as yet received no reply from the committee, but you may rest assured that no action will be taken by this State that will cause your State embarrassment or litigation."

In connection with the same matter, the letter of Governor Glenn follows:

"My Dear Governor:—Your letter enclosing one to Mr. Ogden, stating that you would not accept a gift of the bonds tendered by his committee, as the State of Michigan did not care to be placed in the position where it could be said that it was being used to involve another State in litigation, was received by me this morning and it is needless for me to say that its contents gave me great pleasure. If placed in a similar position, I would have done as you have done, and would never allow North Carolina to be used as a cats-paw to involve a sister State in needless litigation, especially when the effort was to enforce the payment of bonds which were fraudulent and worthless, and from which the State had received no benefit. Our people will greatly appreciate the honorable course you have taken. It is similar to that taken by other Governors, and entitles you and your people to the respect of the citizens of our State. Assuring you of my personal appreciation of the position you have taken, and trusting that the time may come when I can show to you by act as well as word how I regard your course in this matter, I am, with great respect,
R. B. GLENN,
Governor of North Carolina.

Creditors Got 22 Per Cent.

Charlotte Observer.

Concord, March 30.—The final meeting of the attorneys, creditors, trustee and referees in the D. P. Dayvault & Bro. bankruptcy proceedings was here this week. Mr. L. M. Monheimer, the trustee, will be discharged in a few days. The liabilities of this firm amounted to about \$175,000, and the assets to about \$42,000, or about 22 per cent. Twenty per cent. has already been paid the creditors and the two per cent. will be mailed them to-day and to-morrow. Messrs. W. C. Maxwell, T. D. Manners and Swink & Swink, attorneys for the trustees, were allowed altogether \$1,000 as their fees. This was the largest failure that ever occurred in North Carolina.

Wilmington is shipping lettuce and radishes north by the railroad.

YORK AND YORKVILLE.

What's Doing Among our Neighbors Just Across the Line.

Yorkville Enquirer.

Mr. R. T. Castles, carrier on Rural Free Delivery Route No. 1, Smyrna, adds the following to the honor list that is being made up of the names of the overseers who put on their respective roads the full time prescribed by law: "E. D. Darwin, W. C. Spencer."

The personnel of the brass band now in process of organization is as follows: Hugh G. Brown, leader; R. F. Carroll, J. C. Morrow, Daniel Whitener, Charlie White, Fred Morrow, M. B. Jennings, R. L. Wilkerson, Meek Dickson, Brice Dickson, James Campbell, Luther Davidson, J. E. Carroll, R. H. Dobson, Ben Carroll, W. B. Keller, J. W. Moors, Mason Wilkerson, John Gordon.

In addition to the already mentioned candidates for the appointment to fill the vacancy in the office of Superintendent of education for York county, the Fort Mill friends of R. E. Thorswell, Reg., are moving in his behalf. The matter of Mr. Carroll's successor will hardly be settled before April 20.

Senator Tillman has the appointment of two naval cadets and requests the announcement that as usual his selections will be made by competitive examination, the same to be held in Columbia, beginning at 9 o'clock a. m., on Tuesday, April 10, 1906. The examination will be under the direction of Superintendent of Education O. B. Martin, and two assistants. The physical requirements prescribe that applicants must not be over twenty or under sixteen, nor deformed or afflicted in any way. Along with the principals two alternates will be appointed; but these alternates must pledge themselves to make every reasonable effort to be qualified to take the places of the principals should they be called upon to do so.

York county has a larger number of rural free delivery routes probably than has any other county of its area in the state; but the outlook now is that she is to lose some of them. Representative Pinley, who is a member of the house committee on post-offices and postroads, has just received a letter from Mr. DeGraw, fourth assistant postmaster general, confirming the report. He gives a specific instance of the cutting off of routes or the disposition to do it. "You will observe," says the letter, "after giving the number of mail pieces handled on routes in York county, that the amount of mail handled on these routes is far below the average per route, 3,600 per month, and below the minimum which it is thought a route should handle per month, 2,000 pieces."

Mrs. Roosevelt in the South.

Washington, March 29.—Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by her children, Ethel, Archie and Quentin, the children's governess and Mrs. Roosevelt's maid, left Washington for Fernandina, Fla., on the Florida limited over the Southern Railway this morning. At Fernandina they will board the Mayflower for a cruise of about ten days in West Indian waters. Mrs. Roosevelt is taking the trip for the purpose of securing a rest and does not expect to be entertained by the people either in Cuba or Porto Rico.

Fraud Order Against Concord Concern.

Washington Cor. Charlotte Observer, 31st.

A fraud order was this afternoon issued against the Reece P. Boger Specialty Company, of Concord. It is charged that the Boger Concern advertised that it would give \$20 for pennies of 1880 and that when people answered the advertisement, they were told to send ten cents for a guide book. When this was answered they were told to send 50 cents for further information was sought, so the story goes, those seeking the \$20 were told they would get their money when they sent on 1880 pennies. This case will be taken up at the next term of Charlotte Federal Court.

He Was a Northern Man.

Harper's Weekly.

A man from the North who recently visited Washington became possessed of the desire to visit Mt. Vernon. Boarding the electric train that runs from the Capital to the home of Washington, via Alexandria, the visitor had comfortably ensconced himself in one of the rear seats of a compartment, when the conductor rapped him on the shoulder, saying, excuse me, but this compartment is for colored men."

This was the Northerner's first experience in a "Jim Crow" car. "Why," said he "the seats forward are all occupied."

"Can't help that, sir," was the reply; "you mustn't sit here." The Northerner smiled, "See here, conductor," said he, "I'm from the North and have the prejudice of you people in the South. I don't mind sitting here with a negro."

"Maybe you don't," replied the conductor, "but the nigger might object."

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THE BLIND HYMN WRITER.

Fannie Crosby, Author of Fully 3,000 Hymns, Celebrates 86th Birthday Anniversary.

Charlotte Chronicle.

Bridgeport, Conn., March 24.

Fanny J. Crosby Van Alstyne, better known as Fanny Crosby, the blind hymn writer, is celebrating her 86th birthday to-day and to-morrow many churches throughout the country will celebrate the day as Fanny Crosby Day. Hymns composed by her will be sung in many hundreds of churches and sermons on hymnology will be preached. Although totally blind, Fanny Crosby enjoys excellent health and has not only her faculties to a remarkable degree, but also her sweet disposition. She is celebrating the day at her home as quietly and unostentatiously as her numerous friends and admirers would allow. Letters and telegrams of congratulations began to pour in early and all day visitors came to see her and offer their best wishes for the day.

Fanny Crosby was born in Putnam county, N. Y., and has not been sightless from birth. Her blindness is said to be due to the error of a physician, who ordered the application of hot poultices to her inflamed eyes when she was six months old, thereby destroying the optic nerves. The affliction did not, however, prevent her from enjoying the pleasures of childhood, and in her own words, "she could climb a tree or ride a horse as well as any one."

In after life she was able to overcome the handicap of her missing sense to an astonishing degree. Her other senses developed the remarkable acuteness usual in such cases. She judges people by their voices and her conclusions are said to be remarkably accurate. She is extremely sensitive to discords and false notes jar her so that they waken her from sleep. This peculiarity was once turned to account by a man who wanted to obtain an interview with her and who was told that she was asleep and could not be disturbed. Finding out where her room was, for she was staying at a hotel, he simply strolled up and down the corridor, singing a hymn horribly out of tune. The poetess awoke at once and the interview was granted.

Fanny Crosby is the author of fully 3,000 hymns and poems, some of the most famous ones being "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," "Saved by Grace," "Blessed Assurance," "Rescue the Perishing," "I am Thine, O Lord," "Just a Word for Jesus," and "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross." She composes with great rapidity and always has her verses complete in her mind before committing them to paper.

Several years ago Phillips Brooks gave her 75 topics, and asked her to write verses based on them. She composed every one of the hymns before a line of any of them was placed on paper. "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," which is one of her most popular hymns, was written in 15 minutes.

Mrs. Van Alstyne was educated at the Institute for the Blind, in New York, and taught there for 12 years. She was married in 1858 to Alexander Van Alstyne, a blind teacher in the same school and they had one child, which died at an early age. Mr. Van Alstyne died in 1902.

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