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GOV. GLENN'S MESSAGE

Report and Recommendations to the General Assembly by the State's Chief Executive.

Instead of transmitting his message in the usual way, Gov. R. B. Glenn on Thursday read it to the senate and house in joint session. The more important items are given as follows:

Property should be valued at nearer its true worth. Fair valuation would give the state a showing of a billion dollars and the tax rate could be reduced. There are 45 counties that get more from the state than they pay, and they should be forced to come up. Taxes should be due at the same time in all counties.

Railroads should pay their taxes. Passenger rates ought to be reduced to a flat rate of two and one-half cents per mile, mileage books to two cents. Trains must be properly bulletined. Having regulated railroads, they ought to be protected from loss by suits in cases where people are killed or hurt while walking on the right of way. The corporation commission should have more authority and power to enforce rulings, or be abolished.

Insurance companies ought to be made to invest half the money collected here in the state. Last year they took six million dollars out of North Carolina. The insurance commissioner, under the democratic regulations, has collected an average of \$149,543 for seven years. Insurance companies should contribute a small per cent to the fireman's fund, for the support of firemen's families, since the firemen save the companies vast sums annually.

Children under 14 who cannot read and write should not be allowed to work in factories. Compulsory education will solve the child labor problem.

Names of jurors should not be made public till court, to guard against fraud. In capital cases the defendant should not have but six pre-emptory challenges, the state four. Instead of removing cases to other counties, the judge should have power to call jurors from other counties to try cases.

Corporations ought not to be allowed to hold over 300 acres of land. They are getting too much real estate.

The Watts and Ward laws have done much to make the people sober and industrious. A special message on prohibition will be sent in later.

The capitol ought to be remodeled and other public buildings built, but not until the asylums are provided for.

As to education, the governor thinks time ripe for compulsory law as the superintendent of instruction advises. If the state has a right to punish for vice, it has right to remove the cause of vice, which is ignorance. There should be more summer schools and institutes, a continuance of the special \$200,000 appropriation for four months school; a compulsory law to become active when petitions are presented; a law declaring schools necessary expense and empowering county commissioners to levy special tax not exceeding 10 cents on the hundred and 30 on the poll, for schools, and a law requiring the commissioners to levy a tax to raise an amount equal to the amount of state aid received for schools.

The governor does not strongly endorse the reformatory idea. He advises caution and to make haste slowly. His power to grant conditional pardons has already done good in getting young criminals out of prison and sending them to good homes. Laws are recommended to regulate sale of dopes, drugs, drinks and cigarettes which cause young criminals, says Gov. Glenn. Last year \$2,000,000 were spent for this sort of stuff.

The penitentiary is self-supporting, having over \$240,000 to its credit, clear. All persons sentenced to over four years, ought to be sent to the pen instead of chain gangs.

The state is out of debt and has a surplus. Its bonds amount to \$7,000,000, and its railway stocks to more than that. Therefore, there being no debt, the state being prosperous, and the public institutions being too small, a bond issue of

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

School Fund Apportioned and Many Other Items of Business Transacted Last Week.

The board of education at its meeting last week made the apportionment of the school fund and transacted many items of miscellaneous business. A new house was ordered in No. 4, Healing Springs; repairs in No. 2, Abbotts Creek; sale of old house in No. 6, Conrad Hill; sale of old house in No. 4, Midway; ordered that \$400 of principal and \$206 of interest of loan fund be deducted from apportionment to Lexington graded school and check for the amount sent to the state treasurer. The total school fund from all sources is \$18,929.20. Of this \$1100 was set as a building fund. One-sixth of the whole was set aside for distribution among needy districts, amounting to \$3,154.83, and this, together with the remainder, less commissions, salaries, etc., was divided among the schools of the county, the per capita being \$1.45 for 9,065 school children, white and black, making the total amount for schools \$16,299.08.

The amount of state aid asked is \$824.64, for whites, and \$91.96 for colored schools.

THE APPORTIONMENT.

Abbotts Creek: No. 1, \$105; No. 2, \$212; No. 3, \$116; No. 4, \$221; No. 5, \$187. Colored \$75.
Alleghany: No. 1, \$112; No. 2, \$120; No. 3, \$110.
Arendell: No. 1, \$152; No. 2, \$102; No. 3, \$120; No. 4, \$96. Colored \$75.
Boone: No. 1, \$165; No. 2, \$108; No. 3, \$215; No. 4, \$85; No. 5, \$104. Colored \$208.
Cotton Grove: No. 1, \$164; No. 2, \$112; No. 3, \$117; No. 4, \$100; No. 5, \$105; No. 6, \$125. Colored \$332.
Conrad Hill: No. 1, \$159; No. 2, \$125; No. 3, \$128; No. 4, \$102; No. 5, \$133; No. 6, \$132.
Emmons: No. 1, \$102; No. 2, \$122; No. 3, \$175; No. 4, \$112; No. 5, \$163; No. 6, \$148; No. 7, \$112.
Hampton: No. 1, \$114. Colored, \$46.
Healing Springs: No. 1, \$112; No. 2, \$120; No. 3, \$107; No. 4, \$124; No. 5, \$94. Colored \$46.
Lexington: No. 1, \$207; No. 2, \$100; No. 3, \$110; No. 4, \$115; No. 5, \$142; No. 6, \$145; No. 7, \$150; No. 8, \$107; No. 9, \$145; No. 10, \$85; No. 11, \$110. Colored, \$181.
Jackson Hill: No. 1, \$160; No. 2, \$104; No. 3, \$117. Colored \$49.
Midway: No. 1, \$120; No. 2, \$106; No. 3, \$150; No. 4, \$130; No. 5, \$115; No. 6, \$66. Colored \$104.
Reedy Creek: No. 1, \$112; No. 2, \$155; No. 3, \$112; No. 4, \$124; No. 5, \$117. Colored, \$75.
Silver Hill: No. 1, \$134; No. 2, \$134; No. 3, \$144; No. 4, \$140; No. 5, \$140; No. 6, \$108.
Thomasville: No. 2, \$160; No. 3, \$110; No. 4, \$108.08; No. 5, \$128; No. 6, \$122; No. 7, \$108; No. 8, \$120; No. 9, \$200; No. 10, \$115; No. 11, \$177; No. 12, \$122.
Tyro: No. 1, \$105; No. 2, \$105; No. 3, \$100; No. 4, \$105; No. 5, \$107; No. 6, \$155; No. 7, \$112; No. 8, \$105. Colored \$176.
Yadkin College: No. 1, \$180. Colored, \$65.
The Davis school, a joint school of Davidson, Forsyth and Guilford, \$20. Lexington graded school, white, \$1841, colored, \$352; Thomasville graded school, white \$885, colored, \$359.

Odell Mills Fail.

The Odell Manufacturing Company, of Concord, a cotton mill firm that has operated five different mills, containing 240,000 spindles and 800 looms, failed Monday, and Caesar Cone, of Greensboro, was placed in charge. The debts of the company are said to be \$600,000 and the assets \$1,200,000.

Congressman Hackett to be Married.

Cards have been received by friends in Lexington announcing the wedding of Hon. R. N. Hackett to Miss Lois Long, daughter of Judge B. F. Long, of Statesville. The event will occur on the 31st of January at the home of the bride.

Crook! Crook!

A Boston doctor declares that he can restore life to the dead. He should be put to work on Spencer Blackburn.—Salisbury Post.

two millions, payable in 30 years, is advised.

The cost of living having increased, salaries should be. The governor recommends that the next governor shall get \$6,000 a year. He spends \$1,500 more a year than he gets, expenses being so heavy.

All the institutions, departments and their reports are commented on. The state government is free of graft, efficient and in good shape throughout.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Movements of a Few of the Numerous People Who Come and Go in Lexington.

Mr. Will Harris visited friends in Thomasville Sunday.

Miss Carrie Beall, of Linwood, is visiting Mrs. A. F. Welborn.

Miss Pearl Fitzgerald is visiting relatives in Thomasville this week.

Miss Lula Crissman, of Durham, is visiting Miss Jennie Trexler.

Mrs. R. C. Springs returned from Charlotte Monday, after a visit of several days.

Mr. H. P. Gallimore and little son, Dewey, visited relatives in Salisbury Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Conrad, of Thomasville, visited relatives in Lexington Sunday.

Mrs. Ida Melchor and children, of Winston-Salem, is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. H. Biesecker.

Miss Mary Exum Meares, of Holtsburg, is the guest of Mrs. Geo. W. Montcastle this week.

Mr. L. L. Whitaker, kookkeeper for the Lexington Grocery Co., visited relatives in Salisbury Sunday.

Mrs. R. H. Biesecker and Miss Dollie Koons visited Mrs. Biesecker's parents at Bethany last week.

Mrs. F. C. Robbins left yesterday for Greensboro, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Ferd Tate, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. W. Hedrick, of High Point, visited Mrs. Hedrick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rothrock, this week.

Col. G. Foster Hankins returned from the legislature Friday and stayed until Monday, going back to Raleigh that day.

Mr. Ferd Watson, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday and Monday with his wife, who is the guest of Misses Pearl and Rosa Moffitt.

Mr. Will F. Stoner, who has been visiting relatives in the county for the past two weeks, returned to Asheville Friday night.

Mr. Carr Williamson, a son of Mr. J. E. Williamson, has taken a position with the Bank of Lexington and entered upon his duties.

Mr. Pearl Cameron continues quite ill with rheumatism. He has been confined to his room for several weeks and his condition is not improved.

Mr. Earl Holmes continues to improve from his recent illness, which confined him to his home for several weeks. He is now able to come to his grocery store about every day.

Messrs. Joe Thompson, Joe Moffitt, Will Welborn, Misses Edith Greer, Maie Thompson, Kathleen Smith, with Mrs. Walter Mendenhall as chaperon, went over to Salisbury Monday night to see "When Knighthood was in Flower" played.

Mr. F. A. Young, a son of Mr. Jno. A. Young of Bowie, Texas, arrived in the county last week to visit relatives. He is a grandson of Rev. J. A. Young, of Lexington township, and a nephew of Mr. A. A. Young, carrier on Jubilee route 1. Friday Mr. Young called on The Dispatch, in company with Mr. J. H. Young, a cousin, and informed us that he would probably remain in the state sometime, studying medicine under his uncle, Dr. J. W. Young, of Spencer.

R. B. McRary has planned an extensive trip to the Old World and will leave about the last of February for New York, from which place he will sail in the steamship Etruria on March 2nd, for Liverpool and London. He will make the trip with Dr. J. E. Sheppard, of Durham, and they will join a party of tourists under direction of Cook & Son, Scotland, France, Switzerland, Italy, Egypt and the Holy Land are all on the itinerary, and the principal points of interest will be visited in each. A week will be spent in Beirut, Syria and India and the Isle of Ceylon may be visited. The company will return on the 23rd of May, to Rome, where the International Sunday School Convention will be held. Lexington will be reached again by the middle of June.

CHANGES IN CHARTER

The New Features in the Proposed Bill to Amend the Charter of Lexington.

The bill to amend the charter of Lexington, which The Dispatch has been asked to publish, is now prepared for public inspection and may be seen at the mayor's office. It is in reality the old charter made over, being entitled "an act to amend, revise and consolidate the charter of the town of Lexington." Therefore it is quite useless to publish it in full, and then it is nineteen typewritten pages long. However the new features are here given, and these are the ones that are interesting:

Change in the boundaries to take in the property mentioned before, according to the intention of 1905 when the subject was up.

Power for the aldermen to pledge the credit of the town for money to build decent streets.

Power to levy 25 cents more on the hundred if desired.

Power to conduct the business of furnishing light and water, and to extend the public utilities whenever necessary. This authority has never been specifically granted the town.

Division of the town into four wards, the dividing lines being Second avenue and Main street, the wards to be known as North, East, South and West wards. Municipal elections to be held every two years instead of annually, and eight aldermen and eight school commissioners to be elected, two of each from each ward.

Strange Case of Insanity.

N. H. Prevo, of Emmons township, a young man of about 25 or 26 years, was brought to Lexington last week and turned over to the county authorities to care for until he might be admitted into the hospital for the insane at Morgantown. Application has been made and the case will be passed on at the next meeting of the hospital board. The young man betrays no sign of insanity to the unpractised eye and talks sanely enough on various topics and his condition. He is watched with care, but not closely confined, and so far has given little trouble, save that occasionally at night he grows excited and talks a great deal. His trouble is that there is no hope for him in the hereafter. He told the reporter that he had worried over his failure to live up to a profession of faith he made about three years ago until he firmly believed that God had deserted him forever. His memory is good and he seems perfectly sane on everything save this point. He is above the average in education and native sense and there would appear little doubt that once at Morgantown under treatment he will speedily recover.

"I know I am 'off' in my mind," he said, "and nothing interests me. Nothing makes an impression upon me. I seem to have become hard-hearted and have no emotions. Were a man killed in this room before me, it wouldn't affect me at all."

Kitchen Opposes Douglas.

The Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says there is no longer any mystery about the opposition to the confirmation of R. M. Douglas, as postmaster at Greensboro. Congressman W. W. Kitchen is the man who stands in the way. He has laid the matter before Senator Simmons, and the latter is a member of committee having charge of the North Carolina post office appointments. Mr. Kitchen takes the position that the Industrious News, of which Douglas is editor, has willfully misrepresented him, and after he had denounced the statements as false, the paper made no correction but repeated the offense, which showed the editor as "wanting in moral integrity to such an extent to show himself unfit for the position." Should Senator Simmons hold that the appointment is objectionable to him, and concur with Kitchen, there is no way seen how the confirmation will ever take place.

Miss Willie Stine spent yesterday in Thomasville.

Mr. Cliff Pickett spent Sunday in Thomasville visiting relatives.

ALL OVER THE STATE

News of North Carolina Gathered From Murphy to Manteo and Condensed for Busy Readers

Two "trusty" convicts on the chain gang in Lenoir county stole \$100 from the trunk of one of the guards and escaped.

Small pox is showing up in several places in the state. It is usually found in mill towns where there are numerous people who drift from one place to another.

There was a five thousand dollar fire in a finishing mill at Greensboro last Friday. A great pile of goods was damaged by smoke and water, but no machinery was injured.

L. T. Eox, a skilled employe of the Smith furniture factory in High Point, grew too familiar with his machinery one day last week and through carelessness, as he says, he lost a finger.

G. C. Gunter, a printer, said to be from Aberdeen, Moore county, was attacked in Lynchburg Saturday night by two negroes and badly beaten. They hit him without cause in the face with a bottle and mangled his face.

Rival factions of boys on two streets in Asheville have brought things to such a pass that the police and parents had to step in and call a halt. They fought with sticks, brick bats, pistols and shot guns—just boys, too. Asheville boys are rough.

J. W. Moore, of the Spencer Mountain Mill, in Gaston county, had his hands torn to shreds Saturday while trying to raise one of the head gates at the dam. Monroe Herman, another Gaston man, while hunting Friday, shattered his arm by the accidental discharge of his gun.

William Lynch, a 16-year-old negro, has been arrested at Marion and held for court on the charge of attempting to wreck No. 11, a Southern passenger train from Salisbury to Asheville. He put a large spike and a piece of iron on the track, which were discovered by passing people before the train came.

R. E. Holder, a carpenter, aged 60 years, with a wife and children, and worth \$10,000 of property in Charlotte, has been bound over to court for criminal assault upon a nine-year-old girl, daughter of G. W. Hucks, of Charlotte. It is the third time Holder has been up for the very same offense. The child was not injured.

A suit for \$60,000, the biggest ever brought in Durham county, has been started against the Standard Oil Company for the death of L. Webb Holloway, who was killed months ago by the explosion of an oil tank. He was blown high in the air and his flesh cooked by burning oil, dying in a short time.

Earle Lynn, a little ten-year-old boy in Durham, trying to steal a ride on a shifting train, was thrown under the wheels and killed. His mother had sent him down to have his shoes half-sole, and on his way back, three boys ran a race to the train to see who could catch it first. This foolishness is often indulged in by small boys and they are often killed up.

There is still trouble with the machinists at Spencer, who struck some time ago for higher wages. They were granted an increase, but two non-union men were retained in the shops. This nettled the union men and the trouble is not yet settled. It means that either there will be another strike or else that the union must work with non-union men.

Revenue officers in the northern part of Durham county made a raid Thursday night and captured a large still, in full blast. A good deal of property was destroyed, and 1,000 gallons of beer. Two white men were at work at the time, but neither was captured. One grabbed his gun and made off while the other found himself hemmed in between the officers and the river. The officer grabbed him as he ran and tore off his suspenders and part of his shirt, but the fellow ran on and leaped into Flat river and escaped.

THE LEGISLATURE.

What Has Been Done During the Past Week in the General Assembly of North Carolina.

The legislature organized Wednesday and Thursday and on Thursday heard the governor's message, which, contrary to usual custom, the governor read in person. Before he was allowed to do so there was a warm debate as to the law involved in the governor thus appearing, it being contended that to read the message instead of transmitting it tended to mix-up the executive and legislative branches, which must forever be kept separate.

As noted last week, E. J. Justice, Esq., of Guilford, was elected speaker of the house. The republicans named Moses N. Harshaw, of Caldwell, for the place, all voting for him, but he voted for Justice. F. D. Hackett, of Wilkes, was made chief clerk of the house, and A. J. Maxwell, of Lenoir county, chief clerk in the senate.

Many bills have already been introduced, enough to keep the general assembly busy for three months, it is said. Bills regulating railroads so far have been the most important ones. These have to do with the matter of rates, a rate of two cents per mile being advocated. So far the chief business before the legislature is this railroad legislation and while there is little doubt that new laws will be enacted, there appears indications of a warm fight over some features of the bill introduced.

Liberty Institute Growing.

Thursday The Dispatch was pleased to have Mr. C. M. Wall and Prof. P. S. Vann, of Wallburg, call at the office, and was especially pleased to hear that Liberty Institute, at Wallburg, is growing very rapidly. There are now eighty-six students at the Institute, about half of whom are boarding students. The number of these has increased one hundred per cent this year. Although the dormitory building is taxed to its fullest capacity, there is still plenty of room for students. There can not be too many.

There is a vigorous movement afoot to erect in the near future a new school building to cost not less than \$5,000, and anybody who knows the way of Baptist people in building things, knows that the movement will be entirely successful. People all over the county and out of the county are strong in their support of Liberty Institute, both because the school is dear to them and because Prof. Vann is a most excellent principal and is doing a splendid work. The county is indeed fortunate in having within its borders such a school under such management.

What the Merchants Say.

The Lexington House Furnishing Company announces the beginning of the big January and February sale of goods this week. This is an ad you ought to read.

The Farmers Supply Company names some "get-busy bargains" in winter goods this week. The ad offers you something interesting.

The Springs Hardware Company talks about Oliver plows and Pittsburg fences in the new ad this week. It will interest farmers.

The Davidson Furniture Company has purchased a very fine funeral car and has received its stock of funeral goods. An ad tells about the arrival of the stock of coffins and caskets.

The Lexington Drug Company advertises Welborn's cure for colds, which is guaranteed to cure or no pay. Do you cough? See the ad.

We Must Carry It, Too.

Davidson county is going to vote on a bond issue of \$300,000 to build roads. Davidson is progressive and recognizes that roads must be made good.—Concord Tribune.

A firm of Hebrews named Harris from High Point has leased the Hege property recently vacated by the novelty store and will shortly open up a mercantile business.

The trains are making much better time now since the new schedule went into effect.