

consumed more than an hour in discussion. Williams of Buncombe, was in charge of supporters of the bill and (Cather, of Catawba, for the opponents, who in the round-up supported the Stewart amendment that killed the inspection feature.

New County Talk
The House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns voted down the bill for the creation of portions of Nash, Johnson, Wake and Franklin counties with Middlesex as the county seat. The committee reported favorably Speaker Connor's bill to take 15 square miles of Nash county, including the town of Baileys and add it to Wilson county for the convenience of the people of Baileys as more accessible to Wilson than Nashville. Practically all this people in the territory involved asked the change and Hon. A. Woodard appeared with a big delegation of the Baileys people to urge the favorable report on.

Changes in Search and Seizure.
The Weatherspoon search and seizure bill met with no hostility in the Senate Committee on Pensions and Grievances and will be reported to the Senate favorably with a few amendments.

Section 2 of the bill is changed so that possession of more than one gallon of spirituous liquor, three gallons of wine and five of malt liquors, for purposes of sale instead of one gallon of spirituous or wine or five gallons of malt liquors. Other things made prima facie evidence as possession of government license, delivery to a person of more than five gallons of spirituous or wine or 20 gallons of malt liquor within four successive weeks, or possession of intoxicating liquors as samples to obtain orders thereon. Another amendment provides that when a party is acquitted, the liquor seized shall be returned and if found guilty destroyed. Section 1 is amended to include persons engaged in giving away for indirect or indirect gain in the forbidden class. As to shipments accompanied by draft, the Senate committee adds, "which draft is enclosed with, connected with or related to any bill of lading, order or receipt."

This last is intended to reach such a case as went up from Newbern and make a shipment with draft accompanying a sale within the meaning of the State law.

The ratification clause was changed so that the bill shall not go into effect until April 1st.
State Library Bill.
Senator Nimocks' bill establishing a legislative reference department in connection with the State Library received favorable action from the joint committee on State Library. It provides for the collating and classifying all statutes of other States, legislative proceedings of other bodies, reports of constitutional conventions; in fact, a complete repository of information useful to law-makers. It is proposed to use for the purpose the revenue derived from sale of Supreme Court reports, revisions, laws and other State publications. Twenty prominent States have adopted it. Wisconsin being the pioneer.

Senate—44th Day.
The Senate convened at 10 o'clock; prayer by Rev. M. A. Barber.
Among petitions was one from citizens of Davidson asking to be annexed to Forsyth, citizens of Forsyth for act for separate toilets for employees; citizens of Pender for State-wide stock law.

Bills Introduced.
Gilliam—Create Superintendent of Agriculture for Edgecombe.
Gilliam—Authorizing road bond election for Edgecombe outside of road districts.
Gilliam—Authorizing bond election for bridges in Edgecombe.
Gilliam—Amending charter of Tarboro.

Gilliam—For improvement and enlargement of Tarboro electric light plant.
Gilliam—Authorizing bond issue for Tarboro water and sewerage system.
Little, of Wake—Incorporating Apex graded school district.
Davis—Changing tax rate in Snow Hill.

Coffey—Permitting W. O. Bingham and J. L. Cottrell to practice medicine in Watauga, Ashe and Avery.
Coffey—Permitting J. C. Farthing to practice dentistry in same counties.
Weaver—Validating probate and registration of certain deeds.
Weaver—Authorizing bond election by Asheville for purchase of water courses and land to enlarge water shed.

Mason—Empowering Belmont to issue street bonds.
Wakefield—Amending charter of Lenoir.
Evans, of Pitt—Amending act of 1911 taxing dogs in Pitt.
Thorne—Amending road laws of Nash.

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Hobgood—Amending Revisal as to probate of wills.
Daniel—Providing for Recorder's Court for Roanoke Rapids.
Little, of Wake—Amending charter of Apex.
Grant—Appointing special police for Wilkes.

Parsons—Prescribe certain duties of chairman of commissioners of Richmond and fix salary.
Long—Authorizing road bond election in Person.
Carson—Establishing chain gang and facilitating working roads in Ruthersford.

Brown—Protect public health.
Ward—Providing for bond issue for additional support for graded schools of Newbern.
Brown—Amending charter of Salisbury.

By a standing vote, on motion of Senator Bryant, extended to John Laws, 86 years old, 62 years a county officer of Orange and the father of children under 16 years of age.

Fraternal Insurance Bills.
The two fraternal insurance bills fathered by Senator Pharr came up as unfinished business, and the Mecklenburg Senator showed endorsements from most of the fraternal benefit societies in the State, but Evans, of Pitt, saying he had carefully examined the bills since yesterday, still opposed on the ground that he believed they would be a hardship on some of the societies. The bills were passed on final reading with no other opposition. One merely defines the benefit societies as those paying more than \$300 in any one ben-

efit, and the orders as those paying less. The other is for the control and regulation of the societies. Senator Pharr stated that the object of the measure was to make our laws uniform with those of most other States in which the orders and societies do business.

Passed Final Reading.
Senate bill amending graded school law of Lenoir. Senate bill regulating fishing in White Lake. Senate bill authorizing aldermen of Winston to employ expert accountant to audit accounts of department handling funds. Senate bill constituting Mrs. C. M. Busbee, Mrs. Josephus Daniels and Mrs. J. F. Sprague a commission to superintend the repairs and refurbishing of the Governor's Mansion and appropriating \$2,500 for the purpose. Senate bill establishing recorder's court in Lexington. House bill regulating pay of Jurors in Chowan, Craven, Pamlico, Wayne and Davidson.

Usury Bill Killed.
The Ray usury bill, the special order, with a 6 to 5 favorable vote in the committee on Judiciary No. 1, caused a debate and was finally killed 13 to 21. It was to change the present law so as to permit a borrower claiming exaction of usury to start suit for restraining sale of real estate without first paying principal and legal interest. The measure embodies a dissenting opinion in a recent case in the Supreme Court. Senators Council, Jones, Hobgood, McLean and Ivis championed it, and Mason, Parsons, Evans, of Bladen, and Barnes opposed.

At 2:10 the Senate took recess until 8 o'clock, to consider the six months school act.

Schools in Senate.
The Senate devoted the night session to discussion of the six months school term bill, but did not reach a vote for the reason that it is a roll call bill and it will have to be read on two more days.

The problem that was confronting some Senators as to how the counties were to meet the setting aside of five cents on the \$100 of the State levy and still pay county expenses seems to have been solved in most cases by an amendment offered by Senator Bryant, of Durham, and accepted by Senator Thorne, in charge of the bill. It authorizes the commissioners of any county to levy a special tax in excess of the constitutional limitation, not exceeding five cents on the \$100, to provide for any deficiency in the necessary current expenses and revenue which may be caused by the provisions of the act. Another amendment was sent up by Senator Evans, of Pitt, providing that seven cents per capita of the fund of \$250,000 appropriated by the bill be devoted annually to giving school facilities to the children inmates of institutions cared for by charity. This did not appear to meet with much approval, being considered by Senator Council and others to be somewhat beside the main question, and more properly the object of another bill.

The most notable speeches for the bill were made by Senators Thorne, Bryant, Daniel, Mason, Cook, Ivis, McLean, Evans, of Bladen; Hobgood, and Council.

Senator Bryant had voted against the bill in the committee, but was able to support it with his amendment, the idea of which he said had been suggested by another. Senators Gilliam and Peterson indicated hostility to the bill by their question.

New Hanover Bills.
The Senate at the night session passed on final reading the House bill placing members of Wilmington police and fire forces on pension roll. House bill creating office of county solicitor for New Hanover; Senate bill fixing salaries of county commissioners of New Hanover and to refund certain payments received by present and past commissioners; Senate bill consolidating health departments of city of Wilmington and county of New Hanover.

House—44th Day.
The House convened at 10:30 o'clock; prayer by Rev. W. McC. White.
New bills were introduced as follows:
Page: Relative to roads of Carthage township.
Page: Amend charter of Carthage.
Roberts: Revise charter of Black Mountain.

Clements: Relative to clerical assistance in Department of State.
Wooten: Amend charter of Kinston. Authorize Kinston to issue improvement bonds.
Mauney: Amend charter of Cherryville.
Roberts: Relative to probate of deeds.
Justice: Increase maximum license tax on itinerant merchants in Guilford; enable Greensboro to refund certain bonds falling due July 1st, 1913; allow purchase of school books for needy children in Guilford under certain circumstances.

Gold: School tax levy for High Point; bonds for school building, hospital, sewerage and municipal building and bill to establish municipal court for High Point.
Perry: Good road bond issue for Perquimans.
Miller: Two bills for road bond issues in Cleveland.
Long: Incorporate Elon graded school district.
Perry: Market house bonds for Elizabeth City.
Roberts: Amend school laws of Buncombe.
Bennett: Regulate employees on railroad trains.
Payne: Appoint justices in Pasquotank; increase membership of Currituck county board of education from three to five.
Rodman: Incorporate "The Great Apostoli": Temple.

Kelam: Relative to suits against indemnity companies.
Young, of Harnett: Amend charter of Dunn; amend law as to Dunn Recorder's court.
Miller: For road bond issue in Cleveland.
Sykes: Relative to election of superintendent of schools and county board of education in Union.
Gibbes: Incorporate Pamlico.

Mr. Bowie's Personal Privilege.
Mr. Bowie, of Ashe, arose to a question of personal privilege, resenting treatment he said he had received at the hands of Mr. Justice, of Guilford, and the editor of the Raleigh morning paper. He said he had been taught never to hit a blow below the belt. It had been his practice when he received petitions from counties he did not represent to always consult the Rep-

representative from the county. He referred to an editorial appearing in the News & Observer entitled, "The Primary and The West." The editor had done him an injustice in not stating his contentions in the matter. The petitions from his county had come to Mr. Justice, of Guilford. He read an article from the Jefferson Recorder under a Raleigh date line and letters from people of Jefferson resenting it. Mr. Justice presented his side of the matter and related incidents and circumstances indicating that Mr. Bowie was fighting the primary bill secretly, notably in preventing quorums for its consideration in committee. He read a letter from J. B. Council, of Jefferson, commending his primary and corrupt practices bills and intimating that he would send petitions from Ashe to him.

Mr. Page asked that this personal conflict between the gentlemen from Guilford and Ashe be not allowed to bias the minds of members as to the primary bill pending.

Primary Bill Argument.
Chairman Murphy announced the rule that each side have one hour for discussion of the bill. The argument was opened by Mr. Moore, author of the committee substitute, who explained its provisions as prescribing preferential primaries for National, district and State office candidates and leaving the application of the primary for nomination of county officers optional with the county authorities. Objectionable features, as he and others had seen them, had been eliminated. The fees required from candidates would practically take care of the expenses of the primaries.

Mr. Ray, of Macon, wanted the present conditions left alone, and for the primary law to apply only to those counties that want it.

Mr. Devin, of Granville, advocated the State-wide primary law and he thought the objections of the Western members was fully met by allowing any counties to elect county officers through the primary or not as they chose.

Mr. Bowie based his objection to the bill principally on the ground that the bill still permits of challenges with answers under oath as to party affiliations and through this there would be very dangerous cuts in the Democratic votes in the West especially. In his county 50 men vote the National and State Republican tickets and the Democratic county ticket. These would be cut out. And there are similar conditions in many other counties. The bill would create an official aristocracy in North Carolina as only the rich could afford to run for office.

Williams, of Hertford, thought that there is great necessity for election reforms in North Carolina and he supported the pending bill.

Mr. Roberts, of Buncombe, thought that the Democrats should let the Republicans run their affairs as they pleased. He did not consider the primary bill a progressive measure, but undemocratic and un-American.

Weatherspoon charged that the opponents of the bill are opposing honest party alignments.

Bynum, of Chatham, said his people do not want it.

Mr. Stewart, of Mecklenburg, called attention to the fact that the North Carolina Farmers' Union, the President elect, the Governor of the State, the State Democratic Executive Committee are committed to a legalized primary system.

Mr. Grier, of Iredell, took the view that the legalized primaries would develop a system of bosses that would dominate the State.

Mr. Austin sent an amendment in which Mr. Thomas, of Davidson, joining exempting Stanly and Davidson counties. Mr. Austin insisted that the bill would saddle on the State a condition in which a person would be considered guilty until proven innocent instead of the old common law doctrine to the reverse. Democrats in his county would refuse to go into the Democratic primaries under this bill.

An amendment by Dillinger would exempt Gaston county. Other amendments exempting counties began to pour in and pending the resumption of argument the House took recess to 8 o'clock to close arguments and take the vote. About half hour or more of questions remain before the previous question is called and the vote taken.

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..Theatrical..

Undoubtedly Wilmington theatre-goers have one of the rarest treats of the season in Saturday's Academy attraction, when noted "Officer 666", the play that made New York howl for so many months, will be presented at matinee and night. It will be offered, too, in the same elaborate New York way and by a superb company. In fact, the noted managers, Cohan & Harris, stand sponsor for it. Seats for both performances are now on sale at Plummer's. The matinee prices are \$1 and 75 cents for the lower part of the balcony. The night prices range to \$1.50.

Not only has the press of the big cities, but those of nearby cities have praised the attraction. Tuesday morning of this week the Charlotte Observer had this to say in an extended criticism of the play:

"Charlotte theatre-goers were afforded one of the treats of the season yesterday afternoon and last night in the Cohan & Harris success, Augustin MacHugh's melodrama entitled 'Officer 666'. The piece itself is one of admirable proportions, the plot being well conceived and most skillfully handled and the lines decidedly clever and original. And better still the producing company was composed of a sort of experienced players, who measured up to the situations in a manner that would have done credit to the New York company. The effect of an admirable play in admirable hands can well be imagined. The producing company here yesterday was all that could be desired."

The Grand Theatre will offer again today a big special two reel release in the "moyes" still another fine picture, a new song by Mr. Hood and just one of the dandiest, most comfortable houses in the world, regardless of the weather on the outside.

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Bijou Popular.
It's true that yesterday was damp and drab, but not for Bijou devotees, however, because they found all brightness and happiness at their favorite amusement spot. Today's Bijou bill will be precisely fit the occasion. No matter how disagreeable the weather the Bijou is the cozy and warm place, and its fame for solid comfort attracts hundreds.

A great feature film is on today in Kalem's "The Belle of North Wales," telling in vivid, intensely interesting way how a young man is led to think his girl untrue to him, but finds out soon his error. Selig has a big dramatic on today in "Atala," which is one of the most beautiful and stirring films ever created. It depicts the well known story in splendid way, and those who miss beholding it will miss one of the best of the season.

The Bijou also offers today a Pathé Weekly, the very latest, and it pictures in fine manner live current events. Among the scenes is President-elect Wilson's visit to the place of his nativity, Staunton, Va., and also the inauguration of Governor Sulzer, of New York. This is probably the liveliest Weekly the noted Pathé people have ever turned out.

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Rocky Point, N. C. Feb. 20.—We ate our first new shad yesterday.

There is something startling, a kind of indefinable experience like missing a pretty girl the first time; you are tempted to take a second smack and your appetite calls for a liberal helping of more shad. A natural sequence is plenty of water. For shad are like some other good things, enough is enough. Ours was a brave fish of the first magnitude, who swam boldly by the shad benches of Wilmington and through the fish-dealing trust nets.

The steel bridge at Hungry Neck, connecting New Hanover and Pender, is rapidly approaching completion. Part of the floor is already laid. Commissioner T. J. Armstrong and Mr. J. T. Bland are just in from Raleigh where they went to look after some good roads legislation for Pender.

The Presbyterian ladies of this place held a festival Friday night to aid in building a church for that denomination. A nice sum was raised. The lady members of the Baptist church will do likewise soon. With three new churches many of our citizens who are non-attendants will find plenty of room and to spare to go and hear the gospel.

Half dozen other alleged members of the "arson trust" are to be tried. The case of one of them, George C. Grutz, was called at once by Justice Goff, a jury having been drawn yesterday. Samuel Gold, the first witness, testified that with Grutz's knowledge, "Izzy The Painter" set fire to the Gold home. The spoils of the scheme, Gold said, amounted to \$25 in insurance, of which Grutz got \$5 and "Izzy" \$10, the witness retaining the balance. The cashing of the insurance companies' checks and the division of the money took place in a saloon, Gold testified, after Grutz had described "Izzy's" incidental work as a "remarkably good job."

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