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RALEIGH LETTER.

RALEIGH, March 9 -By the time these lines are read the General Assembly of 1903 will be a thing of the past.

Its closing hours were marked by active hard work, and "dead loads" of it was accomplished. The Legislature was practically in continuous session during the last three days, adjourning only for meals and completing the day's work at a late hour, keeping both branches in session until midnight and after.

While this Legislature on a whole was an "eminently respectable" one with a number of decidedly able men in both branches and was "above the average", especially if we include the recent Populist Legislatures and those which in years ago were controlled by the Republicans—still the number of "big men" was comparatively small.

In the Senate, for instance, after excepting about a half a dozen gentlemen of real ability and valuable experience in public affairs, the average Senator was not up to the standard in North Carolina, and did not compare favorably with the one of two years ago especially. Indeed some of the men who occupied senatorial seats ought never to have been sent here.

This writer has been reporting the Legislature for many years, and is in a position to speak intelligently on this subject. But I shall not hurt any one's feelings by referring even by inference, to any individual.

As usual the work of the session was directed by the leading spirits—and it speaks for itself. The liquor question has not been agitated so much in a generation as during the last two months—and the "liquor devil" made his presence felt even on the last expiring breath of the legislature.

The most effective piece of real temperance legislation was the passage in the House last Friday of the bill to compel all licensed saloons all over the State to close business at 8 o'clock, p. m.

It is the night drinking and "treating" in saloons that starts the appetite in ninety per cent. of the young men of the young men of the South, and it is responsible for ninety-nine per cent. of the debauches and "protracted sprees" indulged in by men of maturer years. It is the starting point of the downward course that leads to wrecked constitutions, financial and moral poverty, the "jim jams" and to hell-on-earth and hereafter.

Not much from a temperance standpoint is expected from the Wattslaw—or, rather the Sammons Aycock law—except in the country and unincorporated villages, and the stronghold of the saloon has never been there. But it will turn the distilleries from the country to the towns and if one one-hundredth part of what some people said is true the country is to be congratulated on that, at least, and the cities and towns correspondingly pitied.

But politics always plays

the most important and winning part in these fights and in this fight there was no exception to the rule. So the Senate referred the 8 o'clock closing saloon bill of the House to the Judiciary Committee, instead of acting on it directly as it has done in the closing days in other matters of moment. This action settled its fate, and the 8 o'clock saloon bill did not pass the Senate as many hoped it would.

After all—leaving out the moral and spiritual effects of the proposition—it is a question whether it would have been wise, from a political standpoint, for any party to take such a radical step at once.

Some sensible men say "it would have split the party wide open." Not that the saloon men could do this but because a considerable percentage of the voters oppose such legislation.

An attempt was made to incorporate a number of little villages during the closing hours, but only a very few succeeded in getting through. The object was to continue distilleries or establish new ones therein.

It is understood, on the strength of advices received from Washington that Sam Vick, the negro postmaster at Wilson, will walk the plank this week and that Dr. B. T. Person will be appointed to succeed him.

Raleigh is to have a great Street Fair and carnival in May, lasting one week under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias.

An appropriation of \$50,000 (to come from the surplus fund of the Agricultural Department) has been made for the erection of an "agricultural building" at the A. & M. College.

The Senate Saturday afternoon passed the bill of Representative Newland, appropriating \$1,500 for a building and \$2,000 per annum for the maintenance of a training school for teachers in the six

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western counties of Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Burke, Yancey and Caldwell and it is now the law. He had a hard fight to get it through, however.

The bond issue bill was amended at the last moment so as not to make the interest "not exceed 4 per cent," instead of 3. The amount of the issue is limited to \$300,000.

The Legislature will adjourn sine die today (Monday) at noon. For which one hard-worked newspaper man will be duly thankful.

LLEWXAM.

In Memoriam.

Died at his home near Bamboo, this county, of Sept. 14, 1902, Mr. Harley Hampton.

He was born July 1, 178; was married to Miss Estella Lay July 28, 1901. His married life was short but happy. He professed faith in Christ quite young and joined the Baptist church at Mt. Vernon and was always present at his church meetings unless providentially hindered. He lived a consistent and faithful member until death. He leaves a wife and little son to fight life's battles alone. He was the most patient sufferer we have ever seen, and talked of the sweet singing and music he heard during his illness. He also dreamed of our blessed Savior and of sitting down near the great white throne with Him, and saw the most beautiful people he had ever looked upon.

It can truly be said that a good man has gone from among us, but our loss is his gain. After a life of hardship and trials he has gone where the weary are at rest, and where partings are no more. He did not seem to suffer while he was dying, but passed away without even a struggle as sweetly as a child going to sleep.

After a very appropriate burial service by the Rev. J. M. Payne, his body was consigned to the tomb to rest until the resurrection morning when the dead shall be called forth and every one be judged according to the deeds done in the body. He is gone, forever gone; his earthly journey's ore, and a gem may still roll on but we will hear his loving voice no more. Put we sorrow out as those who have no hope, for Jesus will soon come and wake the sleeping ones, then we hope to meet dear Harley clad in immortality in that land that knows no pain, sickness, nor sad partings.

GENEVA HAMPTON.

Habits are easily formed. The drinking of kerosene oil is now practiced in France, and measures are being used to put down the practice. The Indians in the South Pacific have long used it, but what they use it for has not been ascertained, and it may be that they use it for a medicine instead of a beverage.

A recent London dispatch says that a "colored rain" has been falling in England for the past few days. It left a sediment thought to be volcanic dust floating in the air.

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The Newland Bill, to establish a training School for Teachers, passed the House by an overwhelming majority, and made its way through the Senate 25 to 12. The school is to be located in one of the following counties: Yancey, Mitchell, Watauga, Caldwell, Ashe, Alleghany, and it gives free tuition to all teachers of public schools in North Carolina. Two well-known citizens of each county compose the Board of Trustees, who will locate the school. Capt. E. F. Lovill and Mr. Moses H. Cone are Watauga's Trustees.

The bill provides that whenever an amount ranging anywhere from \$1,500 to \$3,000 by private subscription, is secured, that an equal amount shall come from the State's Treasury for the plant; also \$2,000 per annum for running expenses of the school.

The trustees and county superintendents of the above named counties are to meet at a call of the State Supt. in Blowing Rock next May and organize. It really looks like business and the mountain counties are recognized at last. Mr. Newland—the papers say—made a magnificent speech in behalf of the bill—the most masterly effort made during the meeting of the General Assembly.

This means much along educational lines in the west, and we take this opportunity to thank the broad-minded men throughout the State for this little concession to our mountain teachers, who have worked so long under many disadvantages.

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