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GOVERNOR APPROVE GIVING GREATER AID TO STATE HOSPITALS

Announces That He Does Not Intend to Leave Office Before Aid Is Given

DELEGATES NAMED TO GOOD ROADS MEETING

Increase Shown in Number of Deaths From Typhoid in State--Wilmington Man Made Assistant Sanitary Engineer

Raleigh, April 8.—Looking over the Morrison administration, from cedar to gorse, Governor Morrison has concluded that one of the first things that should be remedied is the lack of medical attention at the hospitals for the insane at Morgantown, Raleigh and Goldsboro.

The governor has given this place of his administration enough thought and consideration to authorize the statement that he does not intend to go out of office without having done his best to double, triple or maybe quadruple the medical staff at the institutions for the unfortunate. It is possible that the directors may be convinced to go even farther in this direction but the point Governor Morrison has in mind is to materially increase the nursing and medical staffs of the various state hospitals.

Although Governor Morrison had some difficulty, when he was racing for the governorship, to satisfy the voters he was only a moderate seeking what office he might deserve yet the hospital directors are convinced that there has never been an executive who sought the light harder than his present colleagues. The interest the governor has shown in the welfare of the unfortunate, and his recommendations to provide better treatment for them will be one of the highights of the present administration.

There is no charge mad at any hospital door because of the prevailing conditions, but Governor Morrison thinks that 4,200 patients, sick in mind or body or both, ought to be provided with more than those physicians. Such is the condition at the State Hospital for the Insane at the capital city. Under the best conditions twelve hundred mentally and physically sound persons, says the governor, require more attention than those physicians can give. His excellency is well set that the situation is remedied.

Already he has impressed upon the hospital directors in language as strong as can be spoken. The governor has not forgotten that "the care of the unfortunate" was one of his principal planks, and he does not intend to let his promise to the people pass out of his mind.

The hospital directors will not be allowed to forget either for the governor has served notice that there will be no let-up until there has been a real change in the affairs of the institution. While he was being arrested for asking for power to hire and fire his own subordinate, Governor Morrison was only looking for a means to the end. If a hospital board sought to neglect a thousand patients there would be no earthly way of changing the system, and consequently the Morrison request can now be understood.

What the Morrison administration lacks in power to remove from office it is well fortified in power of persuasion, and it is through this method the governor will get action.

There is to be no let-up in the campaign launched against the side of questionable stock by "wildcat" salesman declared Commissioner Stacey W. Wade of the State department of Insurance today. The fact that the International Petroleum Company of Texas, through the use of the mail and the name of stateless F. B. Bowles, former state commissioner of public welfare, is endeavoring to do business in North Carolina in open violation of the law only adds to the company's unscrupulous tactics, Commissioner Wade thinks.

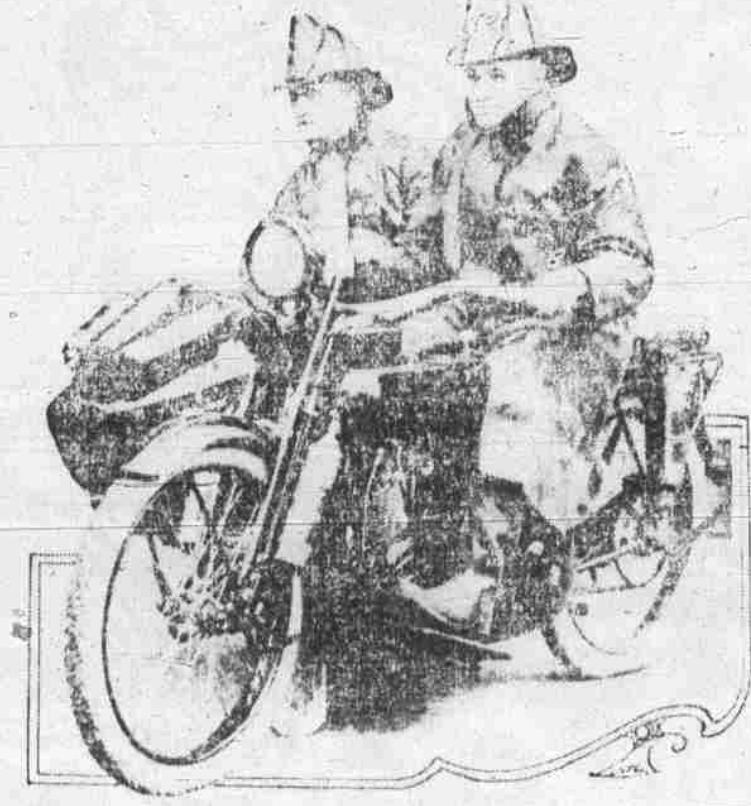
"We do not want the people of the state to get the impression that the insurance department seeks to act as their guardian," Commissioner Wade said today, "but we do feel that our duty as state officers makes it imperative that the facts in the case be given." Whether the oil company is a good gamble or not cannot be estimated, but it is not licensed in North Carolina and no contract the company may make would be enforceable in any state court.

Governor Morrison has appointed the United States Good Roads Association in Greensboro April 18 to 25.

Dr. W. C. Horton, E. B. Crow, Capers White, Max Abernethy, Raleigh; R. O. Everett, Durham; R. G. Allen, Raleigh; Miss Lillian Gandy, Elizabeth City; Brie Little, Wilson; Charles Rose, Lillington; Mason B. Hood, Charlotte; Mrs. Adelaide Caldwell, Charlotte; Mrs. Gordon Finger, Charlotte; Francis O. Clarkson, Charlotte; S. O. McGuire, Elkin; Solomon Gallert, Rutherfordton; Mrs. Mary Martin Slapp, Creswell, Avery county; Miss Bessie Hill Hackney, Greensboro; Sanford Martin, Winston Salem; Earl Godby, Greensboro; George Craig, Asheville; Mrs. O. Max Gardner, Shelby; Miss Margaret Weil Goldsboro; Mrs. J. S. Carr, Jr., Durham; Mrs. W. L. Wall, Hillsborough; Mrs. Paul C. Collins, Hillsboro; Dixon McLean, Lambertton; Leon T. Lane, Ore Hill; John G. Dawson, Kinston; W. S. Keener, Durham; R. W. Haywood.

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MORE SPEED FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT



Vote Upon Managerial Plan Is Delayed Two Months; Aldermen Plan For Street Paving Work

Special Election on Governmental Change to Be Called Two Months Hence

LAW PREVENTS VOTING

Legal Technicalities Prevent Issue's Being Placed Before Citizens at May Election—Number of Matters at Board Meeting

Despite the opposition of the managers of a plan to call a special election to be held in April, the bill to amend the state constitution to allow the citizens to vote on street and sidewalk paving was passed by the Senate May 8. The bill, which was introduced by Senator W. C. Hartman, and several others, will not be voted on by the board in the near future, but it is the intent of the managers to bring the bill before the people at the next election.

Upon motion of Alderman George E. Taylor, Collector Clodf, was authorized to call the names of the city commissioners for street and sidewalk paving. The money collected is to be used to repair sidewalks on other streets so that alterations may only be made when necessary. Because of the fact that the city's budget has been changed since May 1, Alderman Eason made a motion that the city's employees' term of office be extended so as to comply with these changed dates. The motion was adopted.

The water and light committee reported that Capt. Lyon had investigated conditions at Lumberton and found that that town had taken no steps to comply with the orders of the state and meet a sufficient plant on Tar River but was continuing to expand its sewerage into the river as heretofore. The mayor and city attorney were instructed to take the matter up with the authority again and force it to stand in order to take action in regard to the same.

The mother of a cool concern for the city was brought out after much trouble during the meeting of the regular May election because of the time delay. Therefore, the proposed governmental changes became void and will not figure in the imminent election of next month.

Another important matter taken up by the board last night was the naming of preliminary plans for an extensive paving and sewer construction campaign on the city. The matter was brought to a head by Alderman Gray, who stated that it was high time that the city was making up its work.

A number of other matters of only passing interest received attention from the board. Acting upon the recommendation of the special investigating committee the board sustained the firemen previously granted the Brady and Ward and refused the petition of various residents of the locality in which the yard situated that the firemen be re-enacted. A letter from Dr. L. G. Shaffer in regard to music at Braswell park on the night of April 21st, Redwood railroad cars have been secured on all roads leading into Henderson. While board may be secured in private homes at \$2 per day and upwards. Convention headquarters will be at the Valentine hotel, and all delegations who expect to attend to compete in the plan. The local club in turn will sell Kiwanis Avon and Grouse to the regular meeting of the Wilson club next Thursday.

A special feature of the convention will be the class reports which are to be given at the meeting of the special committee and reported to the secretary on April 22, when a banner will be presented to the class which shows the best record of activities during the year.

State Convention Will Meet in Henderson Soon

An announcement has been received of the city of the approaching state barbershopbership convention which will be held at Henderson April 21 to 23 with the opening session at 8 o'clock on the night of April 21st. Redwood railroad cars have been secured on all roads leading into Henderson. While board may be secured in private homes at \$2 per day and upwards. Convention headquarters will be at the Valentine hotel, and all delegations who expect to attend to compete in the plan. The local club in turn will sell Kiwanis Avon and Grouse to the regular meeting of the Wilson club next Thursday.

Increased Rates Upon Coal Shipments Denied

Washington, April 8.—Proposed increases of twenty cents a ton in the sum rates on coal from mines on the Louisville and Nashville and connections in Tennessee, Virginia, the Carolinas, Florida and Alabama were denied by the Interstate Commerce Commission today to be not justified.

Those present at the session included Mayor Thorne, who presided, and Alderman Suiter, Thurman, Faison, Brake, Wakefield, Parish and Grissom.

State Officials Visits Odd Fellows Tonight

D. H. Tillett, Grand Master of North Carolina, will pay an official visit to the Golden Bell Lodge No. 163 L. O. O. F. at its regular meeting tonight at 8 o'clock.

Every Odd Fellow in the city is urged to be present at the meeting as the Grand Master is expected to have something special in store for the local lodge.

CUMMINGS DRAFTS GREEK HOSPITALS PLAN FOR MAKING UNABLE TO HANDLE RAILROAD SURVEY WOUNDED SOLDIERS

Resolution Will Be Introduced Next Week According to Present Plans

WILL DRIVE INTO THE PRESENT HIGH RATES

Railroad Rates to Be One Phase Slated for Investigation Under Pending Resolution—Cost of Operating to Be Probed

Washington, April 8.—Chairman Cummings of the senate interstate commerce committee drafted today a resolution for introduction next week authorizing a general and exhaustive investigation of railroad affairs. It is planned to open the inquiry about April 15 and the senator expects to see President Harding soon regarding the committee's findings.

One phase of the inquiry will have to do with the best means of bringing about reduction in railroad rates. The resolution also would authorize the committee to inquire into the efficiency and inefficiency of railroad operation since the return of the railroads to private ownership. Other aspects of inquiry proposed include a reduction in the amount of freight trailer and equipment and having sufficient personnel.

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