

MANY FISH BILLS ARE INTRODUCED

Changes in Taxation and Appointing Commissioners Sought.

Bill to Prevent Publication of Names Goes Over to Monday.

Special to The Observer.

Raleigh, Feb. 17.—Despite the most spirited insistence of Senators Jones, Linn, McCain, Joyce, Person, and numerous others of the best speakers, that it was a dangerous step in the direction of muzzling the press, as one of the unfailing bulwarks of liberty and free speech, the Senate today voted 21 to 13 for the House bill to prevent the publication of names of women who become victims of criminal assault. All were favorable to the object, but the fear was that the passage of such a bill would be an entering wedge for other legislation that would lead to dangerous curtailment of free speech. When offered for final reading there was persistent objection that forced the measure over to Monday before it can be passed and ordered forward for ratification.

Important fish bills came in both the House and Senate. Senator McNeider introduced a fish bill to strengthen the State Fish Commission and adjust the law to meet conditions that have developed through the experience of the commission the past two years. It cuts the tax on the smaller fishermen and permits family catches free of any tax and adjusts the Administration for probable av-

ing of \$1,500 in the expense of the Administrative Department.

Representative Grant, of Onslow, introduced a fish bill that proposes to change the basis of appointment of commissioners, requiring the Governor to appoint those recommended by legislators representing the counties with fishing interests and only men actually interested in fisheries. It readjusts the taxes on the nets, reducing the tax somewhat on the larger nets from the present sale. The bill marks a sharp fight that will mark the closing days of the Legislature over the fisheries question. Representatives of fishing counties having been unable to get together, the finance committee, chairman of Representative Doughton, introduced two notable bills today to require ice plants, street railway and electric plants to pay privilege taxes.

The Senate.

The Chiropractors bill was made a special order for next Wednesday.

New bills were introduced as follows:

Harding—Enable foreign corporations to act as guardians for people of this State.

Transour, by request—Amend law as to Wilkes County officers.

Davenport—Appropriation for agricultural extension work, so State can benefit by Federal Smith-Lever bill.

Scales—Vest in State Board of Education title to land sold for taxes.

Allen—Amend law as to salaries of Wayne County officers.

Holderness—Amend law as to Rocky Mount graded school.

Ray—Regulate sale of drugs.

Allen—Amend law relative to houses of correction.

McClon—Reduce minimum punishment in certain cases.

McNeider—Amend fisheries law in minor respects.

Cates—Provide for nomination of Cumberland county commissioners.

Justice—Define description of real estate in notices of public sale.

Bills passed Senate as follows: \$100,000 school bond election for Raleigh; special tax for Aulander school district; abolish Ash's treasurer, authorize county commissioners to pay expenses of Confederate soldiers to reunions.

The bill to give State Highway Commission oversight of the automobile license taxes was made a special order for Wednesday with indication that there will be considerable opposition. It was ordered printed a second time.

Senator Holderness introduced a joint resolution to provide for indebtedness of State's prison. It directs prison directors to pay to State Treasurer \$55,300 represented in earnings of convicts in railroad stocks.

The House.

There were petitions from various sections for the public welfare bill; six months' school legislation, crop lien adjustment and other matters.

Great numbers of bills, local and otherwise, were reported from committees unfavorably, following the appeal of Speaker Murphy for cleaning up all unconstitutional and unimportant measures clogging the work of the Assembly.

New bills were introduced as follows:

Daniels, of Greene—Authorize certain Greene County townships to subscribe to railroad stock.

Grant, of Onslow—Amend fisheries act.

Hooker—Regulate oyster dredging district; Matheson—Protect drainage districts.

Clayton—Amend 1911 act relative to drainage.

Dall—Prevent use of narrow tired wagons on highways of the State.

Privette—Regulate trials before justices of the peace.

Mauney—Authorize payment of register of deeds for re-registering births and making up tax books.

Pharr—Amend the law as to jurors tax fees.

King—Make appropriations that that will enable the State to benefit by Federal Smith-Lever fund.

Doughton—Amend chapter 146, laws of 1915-16, fixing certain pay.

Doughton—Require ice plants to pay privilege tax.

Doughton—Require street railways and electric companies to pay privilege tax.

Flack—Amend law as to voting precincts in Marion.

On motion of Mr. Darden the House reconsidered the vote by which the bill to pay Young Norma \$250 per year for four years on account of his having lost an arm in an accident at the Transylvania State test farm. The bill was re-referred.

The House went into committee of the whole on the revenue bill and completed its consideration sufficiently to adopt it for second reading, which was given when the committee arose and reported the progress made. The final reading will be given probably

Monday and the measure sent to the Senate.

The House passed the following bills on final reading: Relief of P. P. Marsh, Anson County; increase efficiency in the care of tuberculosis patients; amend Revisal relative to cartways; extend jurisdiction of Corporation Commission as to right of eminent domain; better protection of people on public highways of Jones and Craven Counties; prohibit obstructions on roads of the State.

New bills were introduced out of order as follows:

Pharr: Amend 1915 law as to credit unions.

McLendon: Enable State Board of Education its interests in land sales.

ELON DEFEATED BY WAKE FOREST QUINT

Wake Forest, Feb. 17.—The Elon basketball team fell before Wake Forest tonight 32 to 20, after they had given the Baptists a close call for honors in the first half and had repeatedly threatened to forge ahead early in the second half. The game was interesting throughout and was featured by the clever passing of the Elon five and the goal shooting of Carlyle and Dickson.

Failure to keep their men properly covered allowed Wake Forest's opponents to pass the ball almost at will in the first period, but Dickson's timely goal shooting gave the Baptists a 16 to 14 lead. Sorrell's ability to pocket foul goals kept the Christian quint in the running for a time in the last half, but the Wake Forest defense tightened and held the visiting team to one field goal the rest of the game. The line-up was as follows:

Wake Forest Position Elon
Carlyle Eight forward Franks
Dickson Left forward Harris
Franks Left forward Cox
Holding Center Seawell
Thompson Right guard Sorrell

Substitutions: Holding for Dickson, Sowers for Holding. Field goals: Dickson 5, Carlyle 4, Franks 3, Holding 2, Franks 2, Harris 2, Cox, Seawell, Foul goals, Franks 4 out of 5, Sorrell 8 out of 11. Referee, Clay, of Durham Y. M. C. A.

WOULD AMOUNT TO NATIONAL CALAMITY

If Pending Rivers and Harbors Bill Failed of Passage, Says Senator Fletcher.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Asserting that it will be a national calamity if the pending \$89,000,000 rivers and harbors bill fails of passage, Senator Fletcher, chairman of the commerce committee, issued a statement today attacking the plan of Senator Kenyon and others to substitute a lump appropriation of \$25,000,000 to be expended in the discretion of the Secretary of War and Army engineers. He said adoption of the substitute would mean that "now, when our rivers are sorely needed, to supplement the carrying power of our railroads and when inland waterways along the coast would serve such highly useful functions, as defense of the coast would call for, we are to abandon this work under a policy of the Government which has been proceeding for half a century."

COMPLETE RETURNS ON FIFTH DISTRICT PRIMARY

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 17.—Complete returns from yesterday's Democratic primary in the Fifth Congressional district show that W. F. Stevenson, and C. H. Sapp will be the candidates in the election for the seat in Congress formerly held by the late D. E. Finley. It was agreed that should no one of the five aspirants for the long term receive a majority that the two highest would be candidates in the election. Stevenson received 3,734 votes and Sapp 2,005, only 32 more than T. B. Butler. The election will be held next Wednesday.

JOHN HOPKINS WINS.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Johns Hopkins University won the point trophy in the annual Georgetown University indoor meet here tonight with a total of 24 points, as against 20 for Georgetown, 3 for Maryland State College and 2 for Washington and Lee. Five points were scored by unattached contestants.

S. C. LEGISLATURE PASSED BOYD PROHIBITION BILL

Provides That No Intoxicants Containing More Than One Per Cent Alcohol May Be Imported.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 17.—Another one of South Carolina's many new prohibition measures, known as the Boyd bill, was passed by the lower house of the Legislature today after it had been debated all day yesterday and far into last night. It provides that no intoxicant containing more than one per cent of alcohol may be imported except for medicinal, sacramental or scientific purposes. The House passed this bill in lieu of the Durant measure which would allow any one to import one quart of liquor each month. The Senate had passed the Durant bill and refused to accept a "bone dry" measure. The Boyd bill now goes to the Senate.

WINSTON-SALEM HELD TO CLOSE SCORE BY BELMONT

Special to The Observer.

Belmont, Feb. 17.—In the fastest and cleanest game of the season, Winston-Salem High School basketball team nosed out the locals this afternoon by a single field goal, the final score being 24 to 22. The first half ended with the locals leading, 16 to 10, but the visitors came back strong in the second half. For Winston the playing of Crute and Fearrington was outstanding, while for the locals Abernathy and Traywick featured.

This was the closest game the Winston boys have played on their trip through this section. The line-up:

Winston Position Belmont
Whaling Right forward Abernathy
Hancock Left forward Traywick
Lilpert Left forward Leeper
Fearrington Right guard McKee
Crute Right guard Armstrong

Summary: Substitutions, Winston-Salem—Davis, Langley, Fulton, Brandon, Fouts, Crute 0 out of 2; Abernathy 0 out of 1. Referee, Query.

FINGER CUT OFF WAS REPLACED BY DOCTORS

Special to The Observer.

Monroe, Feb. 17.—V. C. Austin, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon C. Austin on College street, lost a finger on Thursday afternoon in a peculiar manner. Going into a machine shop with a companion to have an axe sharpened, he placed his hand against a rapidly revolving circular saw, running through a table with the result of the loss of the finger. The saw being only 13 inches in diameter and making so many revolutions per minute that it had the appearance of not moving at all and young Austin did not realize this until his finger was cut from the hand. His finger has been replaced by physicians and it is believed that it will be saved.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR BANK ARE ANNOUNCED

Washington, Feb. 17.—Appointment of officers and directors of the Federal Farm Loan Bank at Columbia, S. C., was announced today by the Board as follows: President, E. J. F. von Engelken, of East Palatka, Fla.; recently resigned as director of the Mint; vice president, L. I. Gulson, of Lugoff, S. C.; secretary, Howard C. Arnold, of Greenville, Ga.; treasurer, D. A. Houston, of Monroe, N. C. The officers and S. C. Warner, of Palatka, Fla., also are appointed as directors. R. H. Welch, of Columbia, S. C., was appointed registrar and attorney.

SHIPPING IS BARRED.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Hereafter, only British and Entente Allied ships will be permitted to enter the port of Plymouth, Etaz, according to notice served upon the American Consul General at London today by the British Admiralty. It is supposed here that the action was taken because Plymouth is essentially a naval base.

GENEROUS MAN GIVES HELPFUL LETTER.

Chas. R. Burdett.

"Dear Sir:—In February, 1911, I read in the columns of a newspaper, the prescription of a great physician, telling those who suffered from nervousness, weakness, melancholia, indigestion, backache, headache, and general rundown condition, how to get well. I was in that deplorable condition, and so I had my druggist fill the prescription herewith given for the benefit of nerve-wracked people. Mix together 1 oz. tincture codonema compound, 1 oz. compound fluid balsam, 1 oz. compound essence cardol and 3 oz. compound essence sarsaparilla. Shake well and take a teaspoonful after meals and one at bedtime. The very first bottle put new life and energy into my veins. Several bottles fixed me up and made a well man of me. I have given it to and I think the public is entitled to it because of the good it will do. Respectfully,
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