

LOBBYING A MISDEMEANOR

DIXON BILL SO DEFINES IT

To Make Lobbying on the Part of Corporation Attorneys or Lobbyists a Misdemeanor With Minimum Fine of \$1,000 is Bill Which Causes House to Sit Up—Representative Mann Asks House to Decide Whether He Perjured Himself in Opposing Tillman—Senate Believes Treasurers Bates, Timmerman and Jennings From Responsibility on Bonds for Embodiment.

Observer Bureau, 1289 Main Street, Columbia, S. C., Feb. 5. Representative Dixon created a sensation to-day in the House by introducing a bill making lobbying on the part of a corporation attorney or lobbyist a misdemeanor with a penalty of not less than \$1,000. The bill forbids a person representing a corporation "talking to or arguing with" a member of the Legislature on any measure before the body affecting the corporation.

Another out of the ordinary feature of to-day's proceedings of the House was enacted by Representative Mann, of Oconee, who is a member of the Methodist Conference. He arose to a question of personal privilege to know how many members of the House would vote to say he had committed perjury in refusing to confirm the election of Senator Tillman. It had been said outside, when he gave his reason for not voting for the confirmation of Tillman that he had perjured himself. He hadn't voted for Tillman, because Tillman had said the Christian ministry in league with the bar-keepers to kill the dispensary, and because Tillman had never given a satisfactory explanation of the Hubbel rebate matter. The resolution under which Mr. Mann will ask the House to pass upon the question of his perjury will come up for a vote in the House tomorrow.

In other respects the House session was tedious. There were a large number of third reading bills from Saturday's combing of the calendar for "uncontested matter," and these all passed and were sent to the Senate. The House engaged in a lengthy debate over the bill of Dever, of Edgefield, proposing to amend the farm labor contract law, so as to dispense with the witness to such contracts, the bill being finally killed on an aye and nay vote of 83 to 15. The House snored under the bill to increase the pension appropriation to \$40,000, having already passed the Tucker bill, making the appropriation \$250,000.

To-night the House listened to highly entertaining and instructive addresses on immigration, drainage and irrigation by ex-Governor Heyward, Representative Cogswell, of Charleston, and Mr. G. C. Elliott, of the Federal bureau of irrigation.

TREASURERS RELIEVED. The Senate to-day transacted only routine business, though it did pass a bill from Mr. Efrd, relieving State Treasurers Bates, Timmerman and Jennings from responsibility on their bonds for the Timmerman bond embezzlement of \$12,500.

Governor Ansel to-day ordered dispensary directors J. M. Ravinson, John Black and Joseph B. Wylie to show cause before him on Friday morning next why they should not be removed for fraud in connection with the charges preferred against them by the new dispensary investigating committee in the matter of making purchases. The matter will then be some into on its merits.

Attorney General Lyon and Governor Ansel to-day both promptly agreed with Attorney McDonald, who appeared for Director Wylie, that the members of the board should be given a chance to make a showing that the law required this, though the Governor's authority to remove was not questioned.

LAND SELLS WELL

Cherokee Soil Brings Good Prices—Gaffney Council Reduces Dentists' Tax to \$10. Special to The Observer. Gaffney, S. C., Feb. 5.—That Cherokee dirt is worth a long price was fully demonstrated at Gaffney to-day at the clerk's sales. A tract of land containing 151 acres some 12 or 14 miles from Gaffney sold for \$17.50 per acre; another tract, eight miles from the town, sold for \$17.75 per acre and the tract of 441 acres sold for \$5,025. This tract was some 12 miles from Gaffney. None of this land is on the railroad, and only one tract of it was sold under foreclosure proceedings.

The town council at its last meeting on Friday night agreed to reduce the license tax on the dentists to \$10, the same that it was last year. The license tax under the supply bill for this year for dentists is \$20. The reduction puts them on a par with the medical profession and lawyers.

The council also decided to pass an ordinance requiring all property owners inside the fire limits to repair their sidewalks, the town bearing one-half the expense thereof. In case any property owner as aforesaid should refuse to have his or her sidewalk repaired in accordance with the terms of said ordinance, then the town will have same done, and the property owner would be required to pay half the expense.

BAD CUTTING AFFAIR

J. M. Wade, of Durham County, slashes J. D. Reed several times across the face. Special to The Observer. Durham, Feb. 5.—The police court has brought out the particulars of a bad cutting affair in the eastern part of the city some time Saturday night. Four white men—J. M. Wade, J. D. Reed, Will Moore and Leslie Pickett—were in a fight, when Wade slashed Reed several times across the face. One gash crossed his nose, and ended on the side of his cheek, and another gash was on the side of his neck. Probably ten or twelve stitches were taken in the wounds. Leslie Pickett was discharged and the other three were sent to court.

Charles Castle, a negro, was in court on the charge of fighting and the evidence in the case developed that he had stole razors and knives from a hardware store here and had also been guilty of carrying concealed weapons. He was sent to court and to jail.

W. C. Hastings Bound to Court For Retaliation

Special to The Observer. Huntsville, Feb. 5.—At a preliminary trial held at Glend Academy Saturday W. C. Hastings was tried for retaliating and bound over in eight cases for his appearance at the criminal term of court. Justices of the Peace A. F. Long and J. V. Knox had a charge of the case.

THAT COURT HOUSE SITE

A Writer at Forest City Objects to the Article Concerning the Proposed Removal of Rutherford's Capitol to Forest City Published from Rutherfordton.

To the Editor of The Observer: In justice to the people of Forest City, and those who are taking an interest in the question of the removal of the county site from Rutherfordton to Forest City, I wish space in your valued columns to reply to the erroneous statements made in yesterday's issue by some misinformant and prejudicial individual, who passes as a Rutherfordton correspondent.

The said correspondent says: "The question of removal is being agitated by the people of Forest City and others in the lower part of the county," and "they have, it is said, 1,500 names on the petitions signed by non-residents, minors, etc., which they will present, etc."

Now we wish to inform said correspondent, and all others that there is not a single petitioner whose name is on the petition who is a non-resident, or a minor, but every one whose name appears on the petitions is not only a bona fide resident of the county, but a legal voter, and voted in the last general election in this county.

It was the purpose and only desire of those seeking signatures to our petitions to take only those who were legal voters in the county, and every man who signed the petitions and voted in the county as legal voters and voted in this county at the recent election in this county.

Just why this Rutherfordton correspondent made the statement he did relative to the "petitioners" in this cause we fail to understand, unless he was destitute of every principle of honor involved in handling the truth.

That he unmistakably misrepresented the facts in the matter goes without contradiction. More than 1,500 bona fide voters of Rutherfordton county have signed the petitions, and these petitioners are not all from "Forest City and the lower end of the county," but some live within the corporate limits of the town of Rutherfordton and many of them west and north of that town.

Rutherfordton is nearer the center of the county than Forest City is not the truth, as every man conversant with the geography of the county knows that Rutherfordton is three miles nearer the center of the county than Rutherfordton, and we have a more accessible location than the present county site.

It is true that Rutherfordton is not exercising itself much over the matter, as it has been asserted by one of its lawyers (Mr. James McCarron) that Rutherfordton was depending upon Hon. E. J. Justice, Speaker of the House, to kill the bill in the Legislature.

Our Rutherfordton correspondent is again in error when he says the county people will kill the bill if it ever comes to a vote, as it is universally believed and admitted that it would carry by a large majority if submitted to the people and this is the reason why Rutherfordton does not want it to come to a vote.

Three-fourths of the taxes of Rutherfordton county are paid by the people living east of Rutherfordton and more than three-fourths of the votes are cast by the same people, and if this question ever comes to a vote the court house and jail, together with the county site, will come to Forest City, regardless of the statement of your correspondent from Rutherfordton.

The sentiments of the majority of the people of this county, and the facts in the matter sustain us in our assertion. READER. Forest City, February 5.

It is scarcely necessary to say that the only interest The Observer has in a matter of this sort is the propagation of the truth. It should be stated, however, in justice both to The Observer and to its correspondent referred to that several of the statements quoted were stated not as facts but either as reports or, rather frankly, as an expression of the views of Rutherfordton people.]

HOTEL NOT SOLD

Auctioneer of Smith Estate Concrete Hotel Wastes Eloquence—Lonesome Bid of \$27,000 Not Entertained. Special to The Observer. Asheville, Feb. 5.—For fully 30 minutes yesterday Auctioneer Ball endeavored to sell at public outcry the incomplete Smith estate concrete hotel located at the corner of North Main and West College streets. The effort was futile. There was a goodly bunch of business men of the city and others present to witness the sale of the property, but, notwithstanding this good attendance, there was but one bidder—J. M. Campbell.

The sale of the incomplete structure has been advertised for more than 30 days. It was ordered sold by Judge Allen, of Superior Court, and under the direction of Commissioner W. R. Whitton, of the Smith estate. Mr. Campbell offered \$25,000. The ground on which the incomplete structure stands is valued at more than that figure, while the concrete frame-work of nine stories is estimated to have cost approximately \$70,000. The auctioneer cried \$25,000 for near 10 minutes, at the time pleading with the men to bid. But they didn't bid. It was stated that such a small bid could not be entertained. At this Mr. Campbell raised his bid to \$25,000. Another effort of the erier and, acting under instructions of Mr. Whitton, the auctioneer informed the public that the sale would be declared off. Mr. Campbell again raised his bid to \$27,000, but the offer was not considered. The sale was off.

Asheville Ministers Want Juvenile Court

Special to The Observer. Asheville, Feb. 5.—A strong effort will be made by the Ministers' Association of Asheville and others to induce the present North Carolina General Assembly to enact a law providing for a juvenile court for Buncombe county. A committee composed of Locke Craig, Judge J. C. Pritchard and Thos. A. Jones has been appointed to draft an act and submit it to the legislators from Buncombe. There was also an auxiliary committee appointed to act with the general committee of three. Judge Pritchard is authorized to make a draft of the proposed bill and forward it to Senator Webb. The proposed bill provides that the clerk of the Superior Court and his successors in office shall be judge of the court; that the present solicitor of the Superior Court shall be the court's solicitor and that while the solicitor is engaged with other business he shall designate someone else to represent him.

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PROF. INGRAM EXPLAINS. The Auburn-Whiskered Gentleman From Cabarrus Writes Statement for The Evening Tribune. Prof. Jean Noon Ingram, the well-known Auburn-whiskered globe-trotter, lecturer, scientist, and man of parts, who was incarcerated in the Cabarrus county jail a few days ago for contempt of court, has written The Evening Tribune, of Concord, an explanation of the circumstances of the case. The communication follows: To the Editor of The Tribune: The Tribune's report of my recent experience at the Concord mill of justice was at variance with the facts in several particulars. I had not "had some drams" Saturday morning. I was not "feeling good," but the reverse. I did not say that I had paid five hundred times, I said I had paid it five different times, meaning that the man who issued the note owed me at the time of its issue five times its value. The material witness to prove my claim is an old man 80 years of age, who was sick with grip and did not materialize at court.

The prosecution sought to suppress my claim testimony, forsooth, the original defendant is dead. I refused, therefore, to go to trial without my main witness, on whose evidence the case depended. I asked for a continuance of the case; was refused and forced to trial. I had been dragged here to attend this court on the distant States at five terms of court, and the trial had been postponed on trivial pretexts, over my protests. To be denied one continuance myself, and forced to trial in an emergency, without my material witness, was enough to exhaust the patience of a metal statue; and I was no exception.

As I stated to the court later in the day, "the case was an unusually irritating and unjust one, that had subjected me to great loss of time and expense, and was aggravating enough to exasperate Job." In the absence of my main witness, and the suppression of my own evidence, I should have allowed the trial to go by default, and taken an appeal from the judgment. I will be hunting quail down on my ranch the remainder of the week, and friends who wish to see me can find me at the same old stand. J. N. INGRAM.

JUDGE COOK'S CHARGE

Tells Buncombe Grand Jurymen That Many Cases of Involuntary Manslaughter Are Never Presented—Railroad Operatives, Druggists, Doctors and Others Are Often Guilty. Special to The Observer. Asheville, Feb. 5.—A three weeks' term of Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases convened here yesterday with Judge Cook presiding. Judge Cook opened court on the dot. He believes in punctuality and frets over delay. Judge Cook's charge to the grand jury was interesting and instructive. The present term of court is the first over which Judge Cook has presided in Asheville and a large majority of the seats in the court room were occupied when court convened. The court demonstrated at the opening of the session that his court must be a quiet court.

During the course of his charge Judge Cook laid special emphasis on the crime of manslaughter. The court took occasion to tell the grand jury men that there were numerous cases of involuntary manslaughter that were never presented. He charged that death on railroads due to negligence of management or carelessness of servant was manslaughter and that someone was responsible. He charged that the same applied to death by the operation of machinery in a negligent or careless manner. "How many men have been indicted for these offenses?" inquired the court. He referred to newspaper and magazine articles and said that it appeared that nearly as many people were killed on the railroads of this country last year as were men killed at the famous battle of Gettysburg. He appealed to the grand jurymen to consider well these things and observe their oaths.

He also referred to the activity of some lawyers in hunting up damage suits and declared that oftentimes, he was sorry to say, lawyers violated the rules and laws of propriety in the eagerness with which they worked up damage suits. He said that the lawyer might at least wait until the victim had been put out of sight. Judge Cook charged the grand jury that a prescription clerk or druggist who gave one medicine when he should have given another and as a result

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