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THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

The message which Governor Glenn sent to the Legislature yesterday is not so long as to repel the reader and by reason of its inherent interest it will have a general reading throughout the State.

The Governor throws himself with his whole soul into the fight in favor of State prohibition by legislative enactment. No one, we think, has pressed the argument so strenuously.

There will be general agreement with the proposition that there should be a means of supplying the place of a judge detained from his courts by sickness or other cause.

STRANGE, STRANGE ARGUMENT.

The Greensboro Record says of the argument that is advanced in behalf of statutory prohibition that by enacting it now the question will be eliminated from the campaign this summer.

After the above was written the news of the action of the Democratic caucuses of the two houses of the Legislature in separate session was received.

It is learned with pleasure that there is no purpose to issue at present any part of the \$100,000 of bonds which the board of aldermen authorized at its meeting Monday night and Mayor Franklin does not think that it will be necessary to issue them or any part of them during the life of the present administration.

Not being in the service of the railroad company but being creatures of the court, it is fair to assume that when the receivers of the Seaboard Air Line tell the legislative committee that that road cannot be continued on a basis of profit at the present or even the proposed rates they are telling the truth.

The gentlemen in Washington who expect to see Mr. Bryan when he gets there and ask him to withdraw in favor of Governor Johnson don't know the man.

THE BANKERS' CURRENCY PLAN.

While Congress is considering the various measures proposed for a more elastic currency, it is interesting to note that the currency commission of the American Bankers' Association are offering a plan of their own.

In criticism of the Fowler bill it is pointed out that the plan proposed would revolutionize the whole currency system at one blow, unsettling rather than steadying financial conditions.

SENATOR BACON'S MEASURE.

Senator Bacon's proposals for the use of municipal and State bonds as a basis of currency issue would make a vast improvement over the Aldrich bill.

RATES HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, following the decision of a lower court, has declared the 2-cent passenger rate of that State unconstitutional because confiscatory.

This booklet on Charleston, sent out by the Charleston Hotel, fails to give the present status of "St. Michael's" spire, that grand old church, stood forty years then taken a lurch.

Night Riders Busy Again. Hopkinsville, Ky., Jan. 21.—A band of one hundred "night riders" to-day burned the large tobacco barn on the farm of James A. Coleman in the southern part of Christian county.

THE PEOPLE TO VOTE ON IT

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uttered, men shouted and cheered and women cried. Such a sight is seldom witnessed in the State.

Neither house was in session more than an hour and twenty minutes, the reading of the Governor's message and a special communication from him and the hearing of several rate bills being the only matters presented.

NO EARLY SETTLEMENT APPEARED.

As the Legislature starts upon its delegated work, the fact went more and more patent that the settlement of the railway question is not so near at hand after all.

TO CONSIDER PROHIBITION.

After having been in session for two and one half hours to-night the Democratic members of the House of Representatives in caucus assembled decided to consider a bill at this special session giving the State absolute prohibition.

TWO MEN BOLT.

Confusion followed their withdrawal. As many as a dozen Representatives were on the floor at one time demanding recognition.

END WITH A DOG FIGHT.

In order to reach some basis of compromise two resolutions were presented. The first was that the House itself on record should adopt a resolution that the caucus adjourn until Thursday night.

CONFERENCE IS POSTPONED.

Meeting of Conservative Democrats, Scheduled for Thursday, Deferred Indefinitely For Good Reasons.

SENATE HEARS ANTI-SALOON BLEN.

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Attitude of Cumberland's Representatives.

Fayetteville, Jan. 21.—State Senator McLaurin has up his mind about the railroad matter. He will vote for the State prohibition act.

THE KEELEY CURE FOR LIQUOR OR MORPHINE. THE KEELEY INSTITUTE GREENSBORO, N.C.

Representative McNeill has not decided about the railroad rate matter, and will vote for State prohibition. Representative Bolton will vote on the railroad as Governor Glenn advises, and will vote for State prohibition.

NEWS OF THE GATE CITY.

Daughters of Confederacy Hold Memorial Exercises—Exceptions to Report of Referee Argued in United States Court—Many Greensboro People to Attend Wedding at Danville, Va.

Special to The Observer.

Greensboro, Jan. 21.—Lee and Jackson Day was appropriately celebrated yesterday afternoon by Guilford Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, at a well-attended meeting held in the lecture room of Carnegie Library.

Local Pythians are looking forward with much interest to the district meeting of the Knights of Pythias to be held here January 30th.

The board of aldermen held a short session last night and considered a number of proposed amendments to the charter which the special session of the Legislature will be asked to pass.

The date of "The Mikado," the home-talent entertainment, has been changed from January 31st to January 25th.

United States Court to-day Judge James E. Boyd presiding, the verdict for the defendant in the case of Vanderbilt vs. McCall, action in ejectment tried at the November term at Asheville, was set aside and a new trial ordered.

Exceptions to the report of ex-Judge Armistead Burwell, referee in the case of Avery, trustee, vs. Westall, were argued. This is a proceeding in bankruptcy and the trustee is seeking to set aside a deed in trust made by J. A. Townsend, bankrupt, of Burke county, to Westall.

Postmaster Robert Dick Douglas is back from Washington, to which place he went last week to investigate the long delay in confirming his nomination. He says he was informed that there were no charges against him, but that his nomination was being held up temporarily.

Mr. Ernest Clapp, accompanied by Messrs. Frank R. Peatross, H. L. Hopkins and R. E. Buck, went to Danville, Va., this afternoon and Mr. Clapp will be married there tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock to Miss Mary Gravelly, of that city.

Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Ferguson, Jr., Misses Louise Sergeant and Mary Bradshaw, Messrs. S. Bradshaw, J. Beall, Upton Staples, M. J. Justice, Jr., and Dr. C. L. Scott.

Capt. C. B. Guthrie has recovered from an illness which kept him indoors for several weeks, and resumed his run to-day as conductor on one of the passenger trains between Greensboro and North Wilkesboro.

While the House was in session behind closed doors the delegates from the Anti-Saloon League, headed by Heriot Clarkson, of Charlotte; Rev. R. E. Neighbour and T. P. Vanderford, of Salisbury; Rev. Dr. Henry W. Battle, of Winston, and others, waited without. They clamored for speech, but could not be heard. Every member of the House who slipped out was seized upon and made to tell what was happening within.

When the House finally adjourned and all the members came out and told of the compromise which had been heard from some, while satisfaction was expressed by others. The Senate at 11 not having adjourned, all collected about that door to await the news there.

It is stated on the best authority that Representatives Douglas and Buchanan will introduce straight-out and immediate prohibition measures when the session convenes for the consideration of the action of the caucus. So also will several of the Republican members.

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THE EVOLUTION OF "BULLY."

This Word Formerly Used Only by the Plain Folk Now Heard From the Lips of Miss Alice.

A score or more years ago a devout and useful female evangelist went up and down the State conducting revival services in both towns and country places. At the special time to which I now refer she was holding a meeting at an obscure country church far removed from town or fashion.

That laconic answer has long lingered in memory. She was a child of the soil who lived close to nature and was speaking in the language of the plain folk among whom she dwelt.

There he met the President, asked him about Miss Alice and then a moment later met Mrs. Longworth herself and asked her how she felt since her recent sickness and she said "Bully."

That expressive word has evolved into society—the people have gone to Washington and taken their language with them it seems. Really, did Miss Alice say that or was it one of Red Buck's jokes? Some people would like to know.

A BACK NUMBER. January 20th.

BRYAN ADVOCATES BECKHAM.

Nebraska Addresses Democratic Legislators Behind Closed Doors at Frankfort—Has No Fears for His Own Chances, He Declares, and is Simply Working For the Democratic Nominee.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 21.—The climax of W. J. Bryan's visit to Frankfort, was reached this afternoon when he spoke to the Democratic members of the Legislature behind closed doors, advocating the election of former governor Beckham as United States Senator.

He declared he had no fears for himself. He said he was told in the Goebel campaign that he might hurt himself if he came to Kentucky.

"I am not afraid of hurting myself when the interests of the Democratic party are at stake," said Mr. Bryan. "I might be a candidate this year," he said. "I do not know. Only two delegates have been elected and they have been instructed for me but they are not enough to elect me. If what I say here affects my chances of election is not a sufficient bribe to keep my mouth closed. I am in the habit of saying what I think."

He said he had come to Kentucky not for Beckham, but for the Democratic nominee, and that if McCrary were the nominee for Senator he would be here speaking for McCrary.

"I am here," said he, "because I believe the Democratic ticket has a good chance to be elected this year. I do not know who the Democratic standard-bearer may be, but I know that it takes a Democratic Senate and House to uphold the President. I do not want to be a President simply to sit in a chair, but to do something for the people."

BRYCE'S BRIAR PIPE.

While Entertaining a Caller He Calmly Enjoys a Smoke. Washington Herald.

Ambassadors, particularly British Ambassadors from Great Britain, are assumed to be particularly magnificent personages, who always live up to the dignity of their office.

The Legislature is still deadlocked, both houses having adjourned after balloting for Senator without result.

A caller on him in New York recently had this quality in Bryce's make-up impressed on him in an amusing way. The caller went to see Mr. Bryce one Sunday morning while the author of the "American Commonwealth" was staying in the city home of Andrew Carnegie.

The first thing the ambassador did when his guest was seated was to fish down in the pockets of his short coat and pull out a worn tobacco pouch, and a well-blackened briar pipe of the "bulldog" variety, which he proceeded to fill and smoke.

The verdict of the court will not be made public until after the verdict has been reported to the War Department and submitted to the President.

Urgent Deficiency Bill, Carrying \$24,000,000 Ready For House. Washington, Jan. 21.—The urgent deficiency appropriation bill carrying appropriations to the amount of \$24,000,000 was agreed upon to-day by the sub-committee of the House committee on appropriations and will come before the House to-morrow.

Court Martial Completes Trial of Major William F. Hancock. Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 21.—The presentation of evidence before the general court martial which was convened here yesterday to try Major William F. Hancock of the coast artillery, charged with conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman, was finished late to-day and the court took the case under consideration behind closed doors.

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Governor Vardaman's Last Act in the Issue of Twenty-Six Pardons. Jackson, Miss., Jan. 21.—The last official act of Governor Vardaman before turning over the reins of government to his successor to-day was the issuing of 26 pardons. Eight of the beneficiaries were whites, while the other 18 were negroes.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 21.—After a session of an hour and a half, following a bitter fight on Judge William F. Rhea, of Bristol, for membership on the State corporation commission, the Senate and House to-day recommended the appointment of a committee for an investigation of charges made that Judge Rhea had been guilty of altering election returns in the ninth district when he was a candidate for Congress.

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Men's \$10.00 Rain Coats \$5.00.

These are new goods, long cut, neat Worsteds, Craven- etted and easily worth the \$10.00, but this week's price is \$5.00 Not all men's half price.

\$6.00 Boys' Rain Coats \$3.00.

One beautiful lot Boys' \$5.00 and \$6.00 Worsteds Craven- etted Raincoats, dandy for school boys. Prices for this week.....\$2.50 and \$3.00

\$15.00 Ladies' Rain Coats \$7.50.

These are right-up-to-now. The patterns are neat, style O. K. and you will like them.

Half Price Goes.

On all Ladies' Raincoats from \$10.00 to \$25.00.

\$7.50 Rubber Coats \$2.75.

One lot Silk Finished Pocket Rubber Coats for Men—we sell at \$7.50, but simply too fine for a quick seller. Price this week.....\$2.75 Take a look at this Coat.

SECOND RUG SALE TO-DAY

\$4.00 Axminsters \$2.88.

They sold fine yesterday, but we still have a big lot, and while we should have no trouble in selling them for \$4.00, still, to keep up the Mill-End Sale's reputation as a big money-saver, the price to-day is.....\$2.88

\$1.00 Hair Brushes 38 Cents.

We have a big lot, worth 75c. to \$1.00, but only a few of a kind, and to make a clean sweep all thrown in one pile and price.....38c.

\$12.00 Coat Suits \$2.95.

This was original price, but they are somewhat off in style, but not so bad that they can't be worn now. Choice.....\$2.95

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